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KWANGSI'S MAIN ARMY ROUTED.

PEI CHUNG-HSI WOUNDED AND RIVAL KILLED.

HEAVY CASUALTIES.

Canton, May 22. Yesterday's reports of a decisive victory by the Canton Army over the Kwangsi troops near Lupa have now been definitely confirmed.

The action yesterday was somewhat indecisive, but to-day it has been turned into a complete victory for the Cantonese forces. It appears that the deciding factor in the battle was the arrival of ten aeroplanes from Canton which proceeded to bomb the Kwangsi troops. It is said with great accuracy.

The Cantonese claim to have taken over five thousand prisoners and say that seventy per cent. of the main Kwangsi Army has been either killed, wounded or taken prisoner. The remainder are retreating in disorder towards the north-west.

General Pei Chung-hsi, Commander of the Kwangsi forces, is reported to have been wounded, but to have escaped.

A large number of wounded have been seen arriving in Canton all day yesterday and to-day.

Our Own Correspondent.

Fatshan Menaced.

Canton, May 22. A number of Kwangsi troops are again menacing Fatshan, a city not far from Canton. The Canton military authorities claim that they will be able to hold out against the enemy.

There is a lull in the operations on the North River sector, both sides being tired of fighting, after a struggle lasting nearly two days.

Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

Loss of Walchow Denied.

Canton, May 22. Canton military authorities deny that Walchow, on the East River front, has again fallen into the hands of the enemy.

According to a report from the pro-Kwangsi source, Brigadier Li Mu-chi, formerly of the Cantonese Army, has again occupied Walchow and is proceeding down to Shekling to prevent the passage of Chin Chai-long's main forces in case they evacuate Canton.

Those Transports.

Canton authorities are assuring the populace that six army transports with Nanking troops are expected at Canton soon and there will be no danger of invasion by Kwangsi forces.

Authorities at Fatshan are ordering all shops recently closed in anticipation of the arrival of Kwangsi troops to reopen. Many shops are said to be unwilling to resume business, fearing another invasion by the enemy. Up to the time of writing, the report of Fatshan again having fallen into the hands of Kwangsi troops has not been confirmed.

Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

Details of Battle.

Canton, May 22. Although operations have not been ceased along the Northern and Eastern fronts, the fighting lines have evidently moved farther away from the city. According to the latest report, General Pei Chung-hsi, who personally directed the operations on the Northern front, was wounded in one of his hands on Tuesday.

Details of Tuesday's battle show that large forces of Kwangsi troops, headed by General Pei, launched a general attack on the Canton forces who were holding a strong position at Parkel, on the left bank of the North River, early in the morning. Heavy fighting continued until the afternoon when the Canton forces took the offensive and checked the advance of their opponents.

Canton General Killed.

Later in the afternoon, the defence lines of the Kwangsi troops weakened owing to the fact that they were outnumbered when

MUI TSAI STATUS EXPLAINED.

NOT PROPERTY OF THEIR EMPLOYERS.

ARE FREE TO LEAVE.

An interesting notification has been issued by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs explaining the status of *mui tsai*. This notification, which appears in the Chinese newspapers to-day, is to the effect that *mui tsai* are not the property of their masters or mistresses and that they are free at any time to return to their parents or guardians.

The notice, which is issued on the instructions of H. E. the Governor, points out that slavery is prohibited in all British Colonies, Protectorates and Dependencies, and that maid in domestic service in Hong Kong should know that they are not the personal property of their masters or mistresses.

If there are any *mui tsai* who wish to leave their masters and go back to their parents or guardians, they can do so at any time without paying compensation of any kind, but before doing so they should see the Secretary for Chinese Affairs or else go to the nearest Police Station, where their cases will be investigated.

It is urged on *mui tsai* that they should not leave their employers without going to the S.C.A. or the nearest Police Station; otherwise, they might fall into the hands of bad characters.

People employing *mui tsai* are warned against preventing them from acting in accordance with the official notification.

EUROPEAN APOLOGY TO CHAUFFEUR.

ASSAULT CASE WITHDRAWN AT KOWLOON.

The Indian chauffeur of Mr. P. M. Pinquet was the complainant, before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, in an assault summons against Mr. A. H. Lake, of the S.S. Tai Shan.

The incident is alleged to have taken place at the motor car stand at the Star Ferry at 4 p.m. on May 11.

When the case was mentioned, Mr. Pinquet applied to his Worship for permission to withdraw the summons. He said that Mr. Lake had since tendered an apology to the chauffeur.

His Worship remarked that the chauffeur should appear personally, and was told that the complainant was in court.

When questioned, the driver confirmed Mr. Pinquet's remarks and the summons was accordingly allowed to be withdrawn.

POSSESSION OF A REVOLVER.

POSSIBLY "PLANTED" ON A CHINESE.

On the application of Detective Sub-Inspector Doring, a Chinese, who was arrested in Canton Road with a revolver and three rounds of ammunition in his possession, was discharged by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

His Worship asked if the arms were not found in the possession of the defendant and was told that they were on him, but the circumstances went to show that the defendant was only a tool and was not aware that he had a revolver in his possession.

Replying to a further question, the police stated that they suspected that the arms had been "planted" on the accused.

PRINCE'S BUSY DAY.

FLIES FROM LONDON TO NOTTINGHAM & BACK.

London, May 22. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales had a crowded day.

LATEST ELECTION CONTROVERSY.

AUSTIN WORKS & THE MCKENNA DUTIES.

INTIMIDATION OF WORKER VOTERS ALLEGED.

SHARP LABOUR REPLY.

London, May 22. Unexpectedly heavy figures are revealed by the register for England and Wales of the new electorate, which is now complete.

For the five hundred and fourteen constituencies in England and Wales, recorded at Somerset House, there is a total electorate of 25,092,636, which is comprised of 13,255,156 women voters, and 11,837,480 men voters, the women having a majority of 1,367,776.

In the 71 Scottish constituencies, there are 1,413,602 men voters, and 1,566,357 women voters.

The Northern Ireland returns for the remaining constituencies are not yet complete, though the register at present reveals a total of 28,072,795, which represents an increase of 7,418,253 on the complete electorate at the 1924 general election.

Including the Scottish constituencies, women are in the majority by 1,510,831.

Premier's Tour.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin is engaged in a tour of the country, working gradually from the North towards London, prior to jumping off again to the Eastern Counties.

Despite the strenuous nature of the tour, the Prime Minister informed Reuter's representative at Leeds that the strain had not yet begun to tell upon him.

Addressing an audience of approximately 5,000 at Leeds, Mr. Baldwin expressed the hope that his hearers would vote for his party, but he added: "I do beg every individual to vote according as he or she thinks it right to do."

The McKenna Duties.

Mr. Baldwin later went to Bradford, where he addressed a meeting of 8,000 people. He dwelt there at some length on the topic of unemployment and declared that the Conservative Government had done much to improve the position. He declared that 80,000 workless had found employment through the operation of the Safeguarding of Industries Act and the McKenna Duties.

He quoted as an example figures showing that 15,000 German pianos came to Britain in 1924, but last year this figure was down to under 3,000. In the meantime, we had nearly doubled our exports of musical instruments, which were negligible before safeguarding was introduced.

He pointed out that the Opposition Parties were pledged to abolish the whole of the safeguarding duties if they were returned to power.

Sir H. Austin's "Threat."

The controversy at King's Norton, Birmingham, following Sir Herbert Austin's statement that the Austin Motor Works might have to close down if the McKenna Duties were repealed, and Mr. Dennison's reply that the Labour Party would take over the works in that event, has been taken up by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the leader of the Labour Party.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has just arrived at Birmingham from Burnley after a 1,400 mile tour of Scotland.

Dealing with Sir Herbert Austin's "threat," he declared that it was intolerable that men who got honours because they were party politicians should use their power over the lives of thousands of men to strike terror into their hearts.

He said that the experience of 1924 showed that the McKenna Duties were not essential to the well-being of the motor industry.

Intimidation of Workers.

"When capitalists threaten and intimidate," he went on, "I say that self-respecting men will never tolerate that sort of political influence and we shall come to the assistance of every victim on account of it."

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BRITAIN AND CHINA TROUBLES.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN ON FRIENDSHIP.

NECESSARY REFORMS.

London, May 22.

Addressing his constituents at Birmingham to-day, Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, made reference to British policy in China, reiterating Britain's good wishes and earnest desire for cordial relations, and making an indirect reference to the problem of extraterritoriality.

Sir Austen declared that as the result of Britain's policy in China, the Chinese people had come to recognise that our one desire was to see China strong and united, to live and to trade there in mutual interests, without a desire to interfere with liberties or to secure another foot of Chinese soil.

He did not refer to the present fears of renewed civil war, but said that if the Chinese people could form a solid consistent Government which would carry out the necessary reforms, and bring the system of law, justice and

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

Slow Through Trains Resume From To-morrow.

EXPRESS SERVICE HOPES.

We are officially informed by the management of the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway that local trains on the Chinese section, of the line resumed running to-day.

The slow train service to and from Canton will again start to-morrow, one train leaving Kowloon at 9.15 a.m. and one departing from Canton at 8.55 a.m.

For the present, the express train service will remain suspended, but it is hoped that it will shortly be resumed.

police up to the levels of Western civilisation, they would find no better friends than the British people in the development of their country.—Reuter.

LORD ROSEBURY'S FUNERAL.

DUKE OF YORK TO REPRESENT THE KING.

London, May 22.

H. R. H. the Duke of York will represent the King at the funeral service for the late Lord Rosebery, which is to be held in St. Giles's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Saturday afternoon.

The remains will be conveyed thence and buried in a private grave at Dalmeny.—British Wireless.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

WOMAN APPOINTED DEPUTY CHAIRMAN.

London, May 22. Dr. Winifred Cullis, head of the Physiology Department at the London School of Medicine for Women, has been elected Deputy Chairman of the University of London.

This has never before been conferred on a woman in this country and marks an advance by women in University life.—British Wireless.

SOCCER TOURISTS.

ENGLISH TEAM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Capetown, May 22.

In the opening match of the British soccer tour in South Africa, the English team defeated Western Province by six goals to one.—Reuter.

INSURANCE FIELD PROBLEMS.

WORST EXPERIENCE IN RECENT YEARS.

LOCAL COMPANY'S CUTS IN LONDON COMMITMENTS.

THE USUAL DIVIDEND.

A heavy depression in marine insurance business throughout the world, materially affecting the income of the Company, was commented upon by the Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Belh, who presided at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office Limited, this morning.

Mr. Belh said that marine insurance was passing through one of the worst cycles in recent years, and acute competition had led to the granting of fuller conditions and reduced rates.

In the London market, where the company's business was unprofitable, the accounts had been substantially reduced after serious consideration. The effect of the retrenchment had been to reduce the premium income for the current year by £440,000. The usual dividends were, however, announced.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, The report and accounts having now been in your hands for some days, I propose, with your permission, to follow the usual custom of taking them as read.

The statement of accounts for the year 1927, which we now present to you, shows a moderate degree of improvement upon that of its immediate predecessor. Comparing the figures with those of the 1926 Account, the surplus shown, of roughly \$1,080,000, is some \$78,000 more, the premium incomes are approximately \$330,000 higher, the loss ratio is slightly lower at 68.73 per cent. as against 67.27 per cent. the expense ratio is 19.57 per cent. as compared with 19.63 per cent., and the underwriting balance is 13.70 per cent. as against 13.10 per cent.

A Bad Period

I regret to say that, without any doubt whatever, the business of marine insurance is at present passing through one of the worst cycles that has been experienced within recent years. In all markets competition remains most acute and, as a consequence, further concessions, in the way of fuller conditions and reductions in rates, are constantly being asked for and, in many cases, granted.

I do not think I should be wrong in saying that the result of this is that a large proportion of the risks incident to the world's trade overseas is now being accepted by underwriters at rates of premium which, even with a normal out-turn, are barely sufficient to cover the regular claims for minor damage to which many classes of cargo are subject in the course of transit, leaving no margin whatever for the exceptionally heavy claims which have to be met in the case of total losses or other casualties of a serious nature which must periodically occur.

London Difficulties.

To give you an example of the manner in which risks are continually being under-estimated nowadays by underwriters in the marine market, it may not be out of place for me to quote to you an extract from a recent issue of the London Times, commenting on this subject:—

"An incident is now being much discussed in the London insurance market which serves to throw light on the very unsatisfactory conditions which have long ruled in marine business. It appears that a number of risks involved in a forthcoming exhibition in this country were carefully considered by fire underwriters representing the Insurance Companies and the market at Lloyd's. After thorough examination of the special circumstances a number of rates were determined upon, and one of these rates was quoted to cover the transport of certain treasures from London to the exhibition, while displayed there, and during their return to London. It was then learned by fire underwriters both among the Companies and at Lloyd's, that the great surprise, that the risk had been written by marine underwriters at one-third of the agreed rate. Needless to say, the action of the latter has evoked very severe criticism, and it is remarked that the present incident may not be without effect if it should result in the managers of 'marine' departments, either retreating their activities to risks directly associated with overseas commerce or concentrating them on the land, to ascertain that their ideas of rates are not in strong conflict with those of the departments accustomed to deal with them."

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NEW SHARE SLUMP IN NEW YORK.

COLLAPSE FOLLOWS FEARS OF DEARER MONEY.

AN ORGY OF SELLING.

New York, May 22.

The Stock Market broke sharply to-day, and prices tumbled in all directions.

The collapse is directly attributable to the Federal Advisory Council's recommendation to the Federal Reserve Board to permit banks desiring to do so to increase the discount rate to six per cent.

Wall Street has been reconciled for some time past to this increase, and the slump was therefore on a startlingly large scale.

Several millions of dollars in share values were wiped out rapidly in the popular counters in one of the most widespread liquidating movements for a long time.

There was an absolute orgy of selling, which has undoubtedly ruined scores of small speculators. The outstanding losses were the Allied Chemicals which dropped eighteen points, the St. Louis and South-Western Railways which dropped twelve dollars, and General Electric, which also lost twelve.

General Motors, Chrysler, and Nash, were among forty issues which touched new low levels for the year.—Reuter's American Service.

BARE-LEGGED VOGUE IN TENNIS.

MR. AND MRS. GRUNDY STALK ABROAD.

London, May 22.

The bare-legged vogue for lady tennis players, set by the South African lady, Miss Tapscott in England in 1927 is being taken up widely by the English and American players.

Miss Helen Wills, the American and world champion, and Miss Edith Cross both played without stockings in their recent matches in Holland and Paris, and now Miss Helen Jacobs, the runner-up to Miss Wills in the American championship, Miss Evelyn Collyer and Mrs. John Hill have announced that they will play in future without stockings.

It is asserted that the vogue increases speed on the court, and in addition, is a great deal more comfortable.

The new fashion has evoked the strictures of the Grundys, male and female.—Reuter.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY TO DEFAUD.

KOWLOON CASE NOT TO BE COMMITTED.

When the case against Douglas Gifford and two Chinese, who are charged with conspiracy, was mentioned before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Detective Sergeant Fitch asked leave to withdraw his previous application for commitment. He asked that the case be treated summarily.

The defendants are charged with conspiracy to defraud a Chinese woman by representing themselves as being in a position to charge her with the crime of larceny of electricity and also of threatening the complainant to pay them a certain sum of money to prevent the institution of proceedings.

His Worship fixed the hearing of the case for next Wednesday afternoon.

OIL CONSERVATION IN U.S.A.

PRESIDENT HOOVER CALLS CONFERENCE.

Washington, May 22.

On the recommendation of the Federal Oil Conservation Board, President Hoover has invited the Governors of the Western oil-producing States to send representatives to a preliminary conference at Colorado Springs on June 6th.

The conference will be asked to consider the possibility of an agreement for the conservation of the oil wells and the elimination of waste in the oil industry.—Reuter's American Service.

FENG'S MANIFESTO TO POWERS.

WAR TO KNIFE AGAINST CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

CHOSEN C.I.C. OF NATIONAL SALVATION FORCES.

NEUTRALITY ASKED.

Shanghai, May 23.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, who has a reputation among Chinese militarists for blunt and straightforward speaking, has removed all doubts regarding the depth of his antagonism towards Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, by a somewhat remarkable manifesto addressed to the foreign Consular authorities in Shanghai and elsewhere.

The manifesto was despatched from Chengchow on Monday, and the Christian General requests the absolute neutrality of friendly Powers, the telegram reading:

Illegal Government.

"Since Chiang Kai-shek packed the Third National Congress with his own supporters, barring all possible opponents, in violation of the Kuomintang party principles, the Nanking Government, according to the fundamental principles of the Party, became an illegal Government.

"The Nanking Government, therefore, cannot represent the nation.

"The friendly Powers have always evinced sympathy with the revolutionary movement of the Chinese, and I hope they will remain strictly neutral in the war to come.

"At the present moment, military activities against Chiang Kai-shek are proceeding throughout the country, and I, myself, have been elected Commander-in-Chief of the National Salvation Forces.

"The extermination of Chiang Kai-shek is now at hand.

War Loans Warning.

"Henceforth, the revolutionary army will not recognise the validity of the financial loan and agreements for the supply of ammunition and aeroplanes between the illegal Nanking Government and any foreign Power.

"I solemnly declare that the future Government of China will refuse the responsibility for the repayment of such loans.

"The Revolutionary Army will, to the best of its ability, protect the lives and property of foreigners during the period of warfare."

Nanking Council of War.

It is also learned in Shanghai to-day that as the result of a War Conference in Nanking, called for the purpose of determining the plans for the campaign against the Kuomintang, has decided not to issue a punitive order before the State Burial of the remains of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, unless Feng Yu-hsiang takes the offensive.—Our Own Correspondent.

A Reuter message from Shanghai confirms the receipt of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's manifesto adding that General Ho Ying-ching made a special trip from Hankow to Nanking by seaplane in order to attend at the War Council.

Mandate for War in June.

The Nationalist force, it is understood, have completed preparations for the campaign against Feng Yu-hsiang, but the punitive mandate will not be issued before June 1st, when the burial of Sun Yat-sen in Nanking takes place.—Reuter.

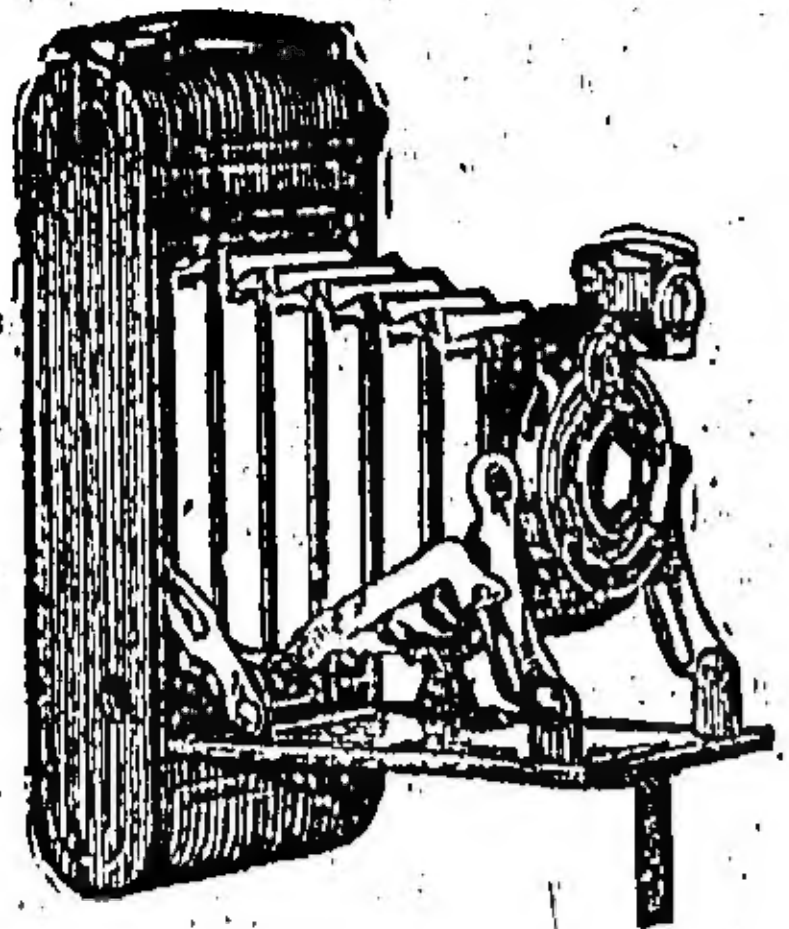
Shanghai, May 22.

Extensive troop movements are taking place in Honan under the direction of Feng Yu-hsiang, and large contingents are being concentrated at Chengchow, from which point, it is believed, the first attack will be launched.

Chengchow is the main junction in Honan of the Peking-Hankow Railway, and the preparations there suggest strongly that Feng will make a determined bid to capture the Wahan cities.

There is some talk of Feng retiring into Shensi and consolidating his position there, but the strength of his forces in Honan at all important points

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GOVERNMENT WINS BANK CASE.

ACCOUNT TO BE RECREDITED WITH \$260,000.

JUDGMENT GIVEN.

Legal argument in the action between the Hongkong Government and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was concluded yesterday afternoon when his Lordship delivered judgment in favour of the plaintiff, the Attorney General, and granted the declaration which was asked for. This declaration was for the Bank to credit the Government with the amounts of the three forged cheques, amounting to \$260,000 together with interest.

Giving judgment, his Lordship said that the plaintiff in the case was the Attorney General of Hongkong who appeared on behalf of the Government of the Colony; and the defendants were the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. For many years previous to the occurrences which were in question, the relationship of banker and customer existed between them. He did not need to deal at any length with what the relations were, except to say it was clearly established it was one of debtor and creditor with the added liability on the part of the Bank to honour cheques drawn upon them on behalf of the Government.

The action was for a declaration asking that a certain sum of \$260,000 which was debited to the account of the plaintiff by the defendants was wrongly debited because the debts were made in respect of certain cheques purporting to be drawn by the Treasury agents of the Government on the Bank, which cheques were alleged in the proceedings by the Government to be forgeries.

There were two answers made to this. In the first place it was denied that the cheques were forgeries, and stated in express terms that they were genuine cheques bearing the signatures of the Colonial Treasurer and the Cashier of the Government. That was one of the points at issue before the jury, who found as a matter of fact, that the cheques were forged.

An Important Case.

There was a second defence raised by the Bank which was estoppel by negligence of certain officers of the Government. When the matter was opened his Lordship called the attention of counsel to the fact that the question of estoppel would be better dealt with in legal argument, that the facts should go to the jury and the question of law left until afterwards. Counsel agreed to that suggestion and certain questions were submitted to the jury.

After the questions had been answered, his Lordship continued, he had no very great doubt in his own mind as to what judgment would be, but he had reasons for allowing the case to be discussed before entering judgment. One of those reasons was that the case was very important and it might very well go further. Therefore it was better to hear argument both for and against.

The second defence raised was, that assuming the cheques were forgeries, still, by reasons of the negligent conduct on the part of officers of the Government, the Government were estopped from insisting that the documents were forgeries.

Estoppel Alleged.

Apparently for sometime in December 1927 or thereabouts, certain cheques were abstracted from the chequebook which had been supplied by the Bank to the Government for the purpose of drawing on the Government's account with the Bank. It was alleged that the conduct of the officers of the Government was such, with regard to those cheques and chequebooks, that they were estopped from setting up that the cheques were forgeries.

It was quite clear on the authorities that there was no duty upon

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF WIFE OF P.W.D. OFFICER.

We regret to report the death, which occurred in the Victoria Hospital in the early hours of yesterday morning, of Mrs. Stephens, the wife of Mr. C. E. Stephens of the Public Works Department, the deceased lady succumbing to an attack of pneumonia.

Much sympathy will be extended to the bereaved husband who is at present lying ill with influenza, and the four young children, in their great loss.

A large gathering attended the funeral yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Koop officiating. The chief mourners were Sergeant Stephens, R.E., brother-in-law, and Sergeant Kelly and Sergeant Kirby of the Police. A number of representatives of the Public Works Department, the Sanitary Department and military units were present.

There was a large number of floral tributes including wreaths from the European staffs of the Buildings Ordinance Office and General Works Office, P.W.D.

The customer to keep his chequebooks locked up or to keep them in his own custody. It was also clear from the authorities that if he entrusted his chequebooks to a clerk or servant who was dishonest, and who forged his employer's name on a cheque, the customer was not responsible. The loss must fall on the banker because he had honoured a signature which was not, in fact, the signature of the customer.

Defence Argument. It had been strongly urged by counsel for the defence that in all the authority cases, although clear with regard to the custody of chequebooks, yet a duty was cast on the customer to bring to the notice of the Bank any matter of an unusual character, such as the loss of cheques, or extraction of cheques, and that if the customer did not do so, he failed in his legal duty; that if the abstracted cheques or any of them were used for the purpose of making forgeries, his conduct had been the proximate cause of the forgeries being made possible; that the loss which resulted to the Bank was by reason of not having been put into a position by the customer to take steps to prevent it.

In dealing with duty, his Lordship pointed out it was essential for there to be duty before the question of estoppel could arise. In the present case the matter of duty arose out of the relationship between the banker and the customer. He thought the authorities showed that that duty did not arise with regard to the conduct of ordinary business. Assuming there was a duty, from all the facts of the case, he was satisfied there was no legal duty owing to the Bank by the Treasury officials.

Negligence in Transaction. It was clearly established by the authorities that the negligence which created estoppel must be in the transaction itself. Mr. Jenkin had asked him to find that the transaction in question in the present case was the loss of the cheques and the subsequent happenings in connexion with them. His Lordship said he thought it would be sufficient for him to read a passage from a judgment of Mr. Justice Kennedy, from 95 Times Law Reports, page 447.

He continued there was no fact which connected the officers of the Government directly with the drawing or forging of the cheques; neither was there any connexion between anything that was done by the Government officers and the forgery of the cheques as a criminal act. It seemed clear the authorities laid down that any negligence on the part of any Government servant must be in the transaction itself. He did not see how it was possible for him to give such a wide meaning to the words of the section, as Mr. Jenkin had asked him to do.

"Stretching the Law." There was another condition which was necessary to be fulfilled

She Thought That She Was Falling.

Headaches and dizziness most often are symptoms of anaemia. Also frequently they are present in neurasthenia, or nervous exhaustion. In either condition Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the right treatment, as in this American lady's case:—



"Often I was so dizzy-headed that everything seemed to swirl around me, and I thought that I was falling," says Mrs. Helen Short-sleeves, of No. 216, Park street, Malone, N. Y. "My head ached, there were black spots before my eyes. Pains across my back were so bad that I could hardly

straighten up. I was nervous, had no appetite, my circulation was poor, and often I could not sleep until morning. "My mother had used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills with benefit, and so I decided to try them. Then soon my headaches went away and I could see that I was gaining strength. I felt encouraged and continued with the pills until the pains in my back disappeared. Now I sleep fine, get up in the morning full of energy, have no more dizzy and nervous spells. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are indeed a wonderful blood builder and nerve tonic."

Of chemists everywhere at \$1.50 per bottle, 6 bottles \$8. But be sure and ask for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

RICE PROBLEMS.

DISCUSSION BY PACIFIC CONGRESS.

Bandoeng, May 22. The agricultural section of the fourth Pacific Congress, discussed the movements of the rice market, which it concluded largely depended on production in China.

It proposed that the irrigation problem should be specially studied and discussed at the next congress; and that co-operation with Pacific countries in manuring questions should be sought, and an international classification system of tropical soils should be established. The Congress appointed a committee to study rice diseases and parasites.—*Reuter*.

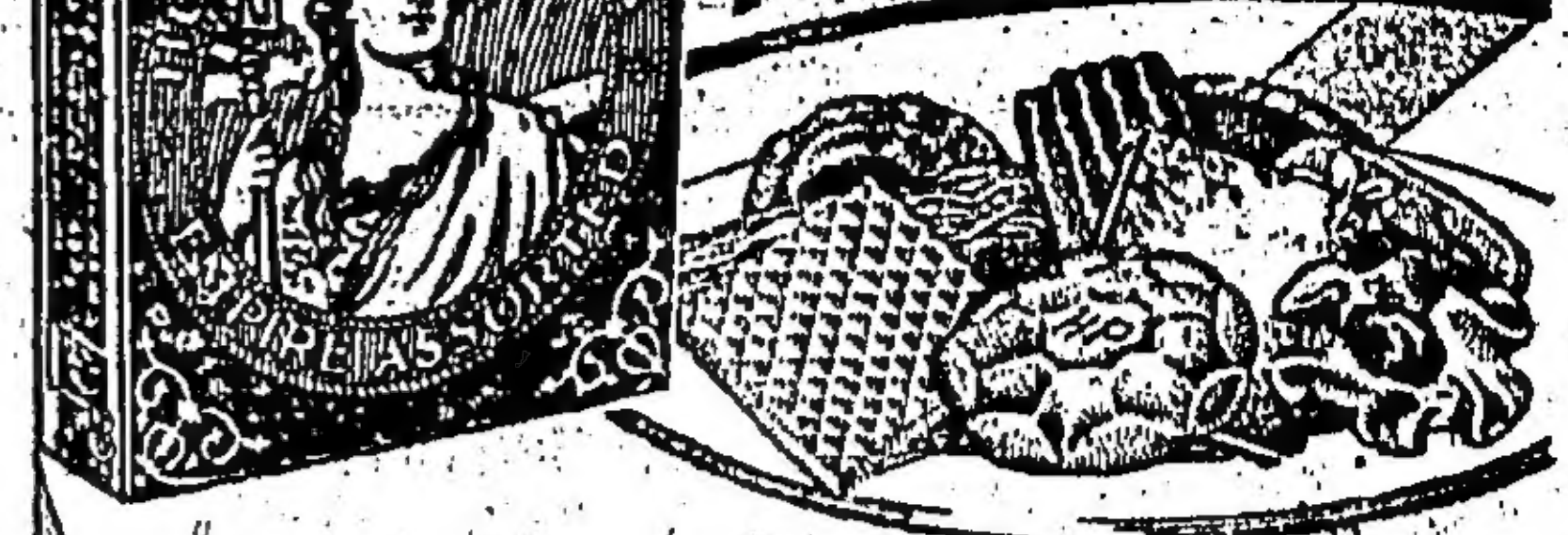
before estoppel arose, which was that the negligence must be the proximate cause of the loss which was sought to be avoided in this particular case. It seemed it was the forgery of the cheques by which the Bank was induced to mistake the signatures for the signatures of the Colonial Treasurer and the Cashier, when, in fact, they were not the signatures of those men. It seemed to him he would be stretching the law most unduly, in fact he would be running counter to the principles reiterated in authority cases, if he was to hold in the present case that the proximate cause was the fact of the extraction of the cheques.

Declaration Granted.

On those grounds he thought that the declaration should be granted. The declaration was "That the said Government is entitled to be credited by the defendant corporation with the said three amounts, namely \$86,965.53, \$78,330.41 and \$95,142.19, together with interest thereon at the customary or contractual rate of two per centum per annum from the dates whereon the amounts of the said three cheques were respectively debited to the general account of the said Government, till payment or judgment."

His Lordship added it amounted to judgment for the plaintiff with costs, but he would not enter the amount.

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By Small



Pictures from tornado-stricken Arkansas are given on this page. Over 50 were killed and hundreds injured. Above is the wreckage of the school and church at Bono.



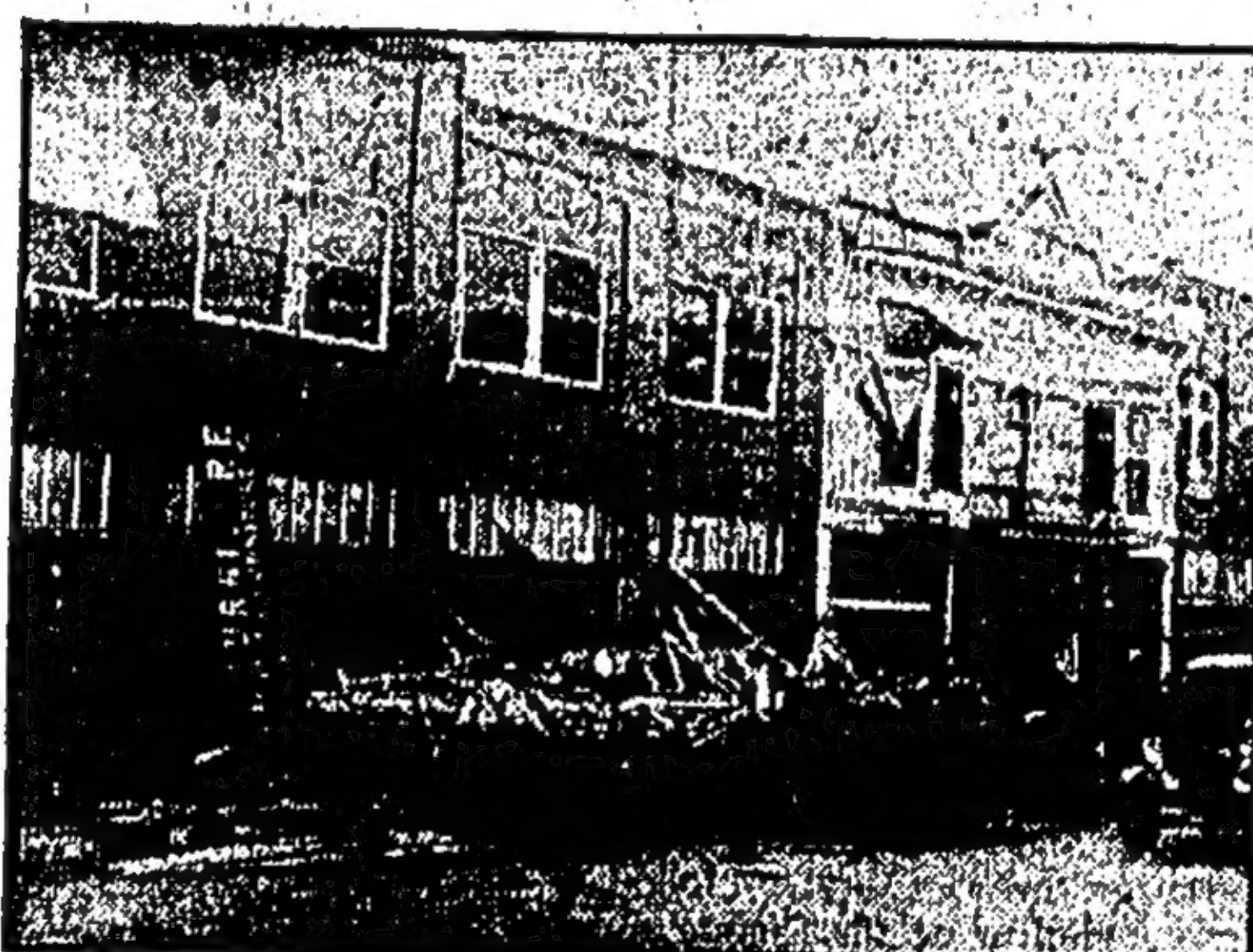
The ruins of a house at Lorado, Ark., where the owner and his entire family were killed.



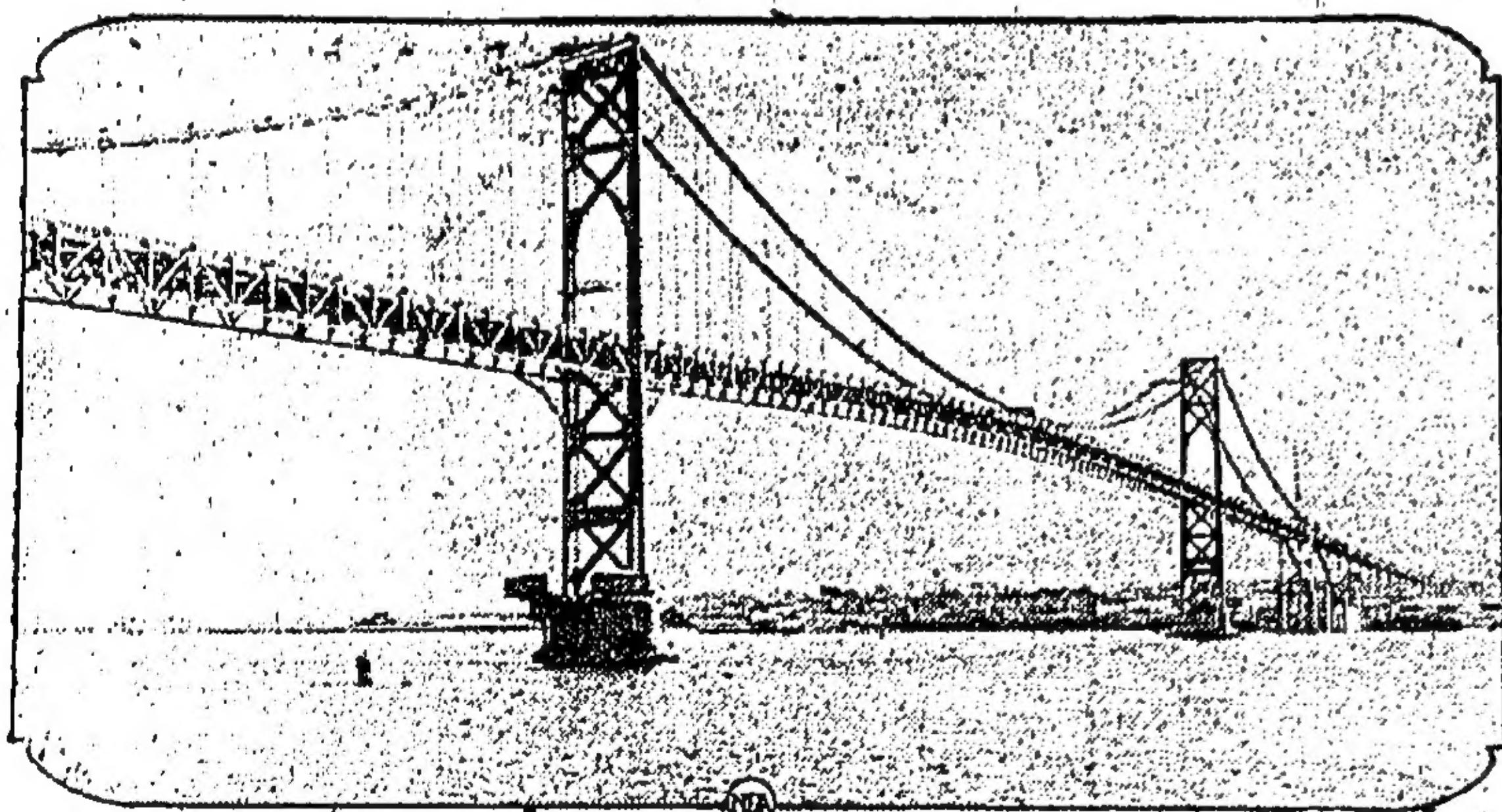
The destruction wrought by a mysterious explosion which demolished a four-storey building and wrecked others in Detroit is shown above. Two men were killed.



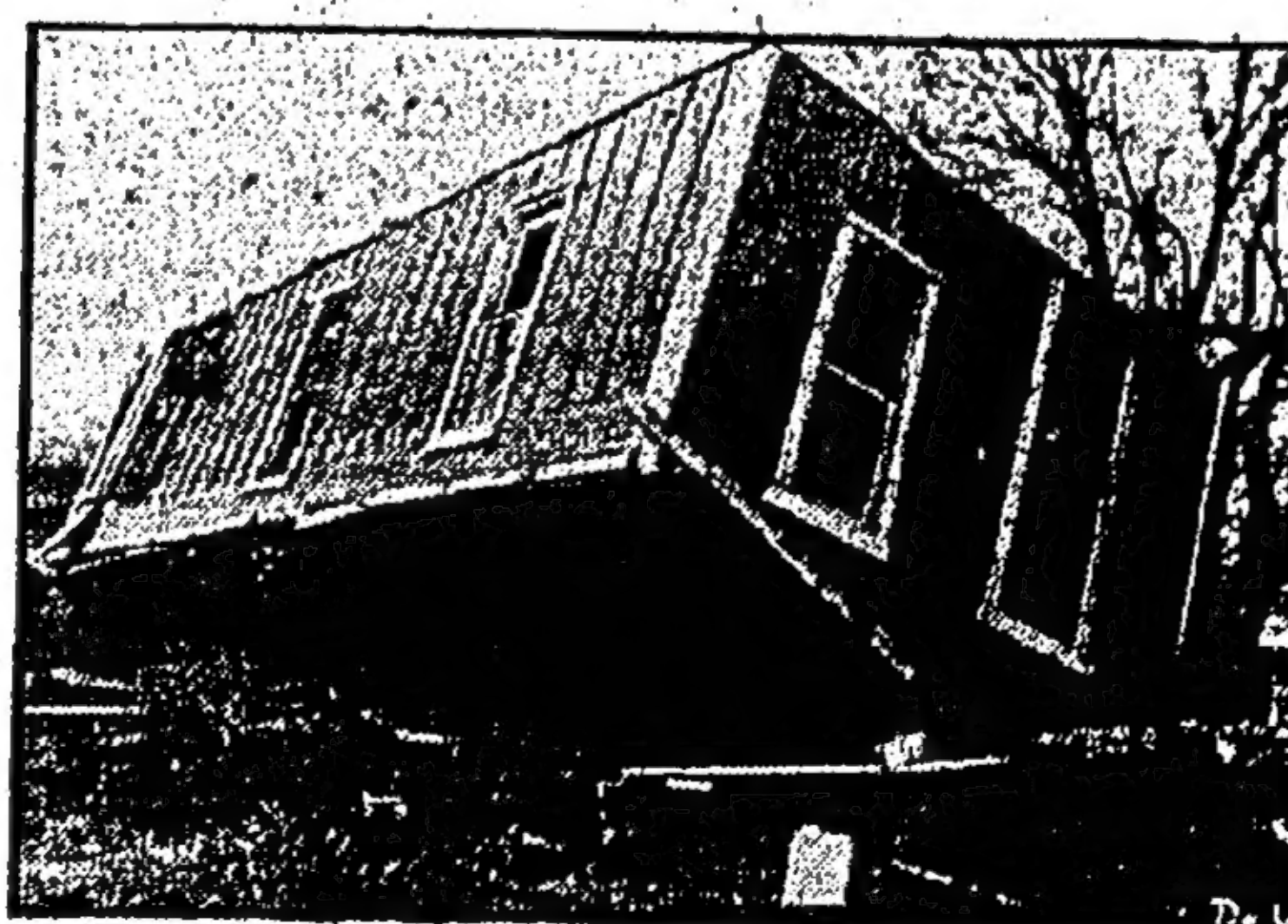
A wall taken clean away by the Arkansas tornado.



A street in Blackwell, Ark. after the storm.



The huge bridge pictured above, not yet completed, has to be pulled down owing to defective steel cables. It was to join Providence and Newport, R. I.



Spiritual Healing Mission premises turned upside down by the tornado.



Gen. Pei Chung-hsi, the strategist behind the Kwangsi attack on Canton.

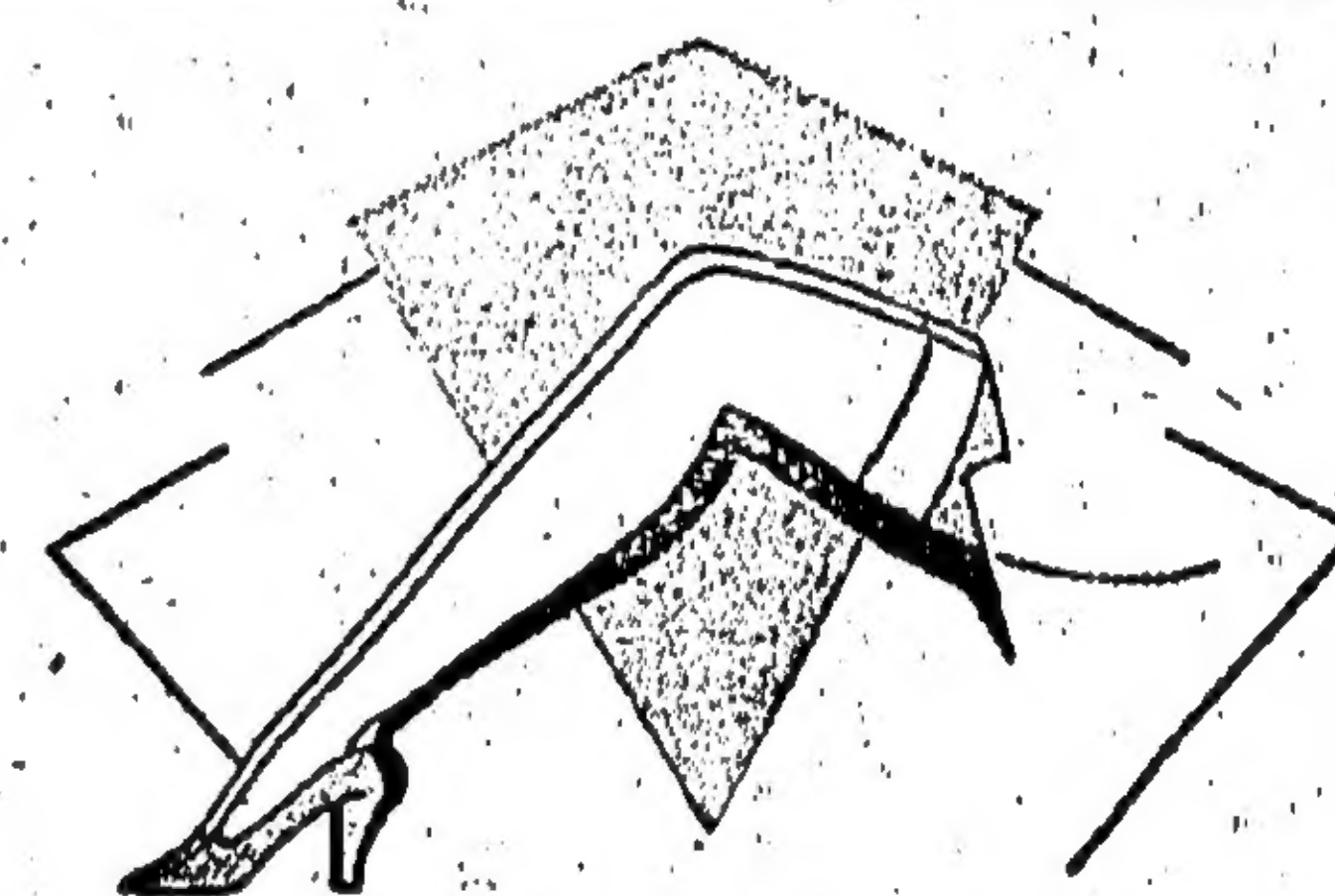


Her Royal Highness, Miss Audrey Collinge, crowned Queen of the May at the annual Maypole Dance of the kindergarten pupils of the Shanghai Cathedral School for Girls.



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G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 27th day of May, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road, Kowloon City, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office at China Building (5th floor) Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 5th June, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Account for the year ending 28th February, 1929; and of electing additional directors, if thought fit, and also of electing an auditor.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd May to 5th June, 1929, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
HENRY LOWCOCK
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 21st May, 1929.

"KEEP WATCH."

The Navy League (Hongkong Branch) have much pleasure in announcing that with the kind permission of the Hongkong Amusements, Ltd. and under the auspices of the St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies they will be showing the film:—

"KEEP WATCH"

on Empire Day (24th May) at the afternoon performance which will take place at 5 p.m. sharp in the Queen's Theatre, in conjunction with the ordinary programme.

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L. M. WHYTE,
Hon. Secretary,
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NOTICE.

The undersigned is prepared to consider offers to purchase the following properties:—

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Section C and the Remaining Portion of Sec. B of Inland Lot 1842. (No. 1 Sharp Street West).

Subsection 1 of Sec. A of Shaokwan Island Lot 482. (Nos. 219-227, odd Nos. Main Street, Shaokwan West).

Particulars may be obtained on application at the Treasury, or to the Crown Solicitor at the Courts of Justice.

C. McI. MESSER,
Colonial Treasurer.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1929.

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NOTICE.

As from to-day, May 22, the responsibility of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Murphy for Barbara Helen Wilson has ceased.
A. E. MURPHY.
Hongkong, May 22, 1929.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 24th May, 1929, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 6th May to 24th May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1929.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

(Incorporated in Hongkong.)
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 24th May, 1929, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 6th May to 24th May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1929.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 24th May, 1929, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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Notice is hereby given that proceedings will be taken against any person, firm, or corporation selling or otherwise dealing in such imitations.

Dated the 16th day of May, 1929.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE.

It is hereby notified that the Playing Fields Committee is desirous of obtaining the views of as many interested persons and associations as possible, and those who have any suggestions or representations to make regarding the present and future provision of playing fields in the Colony are invited to forward them early to Mr. T. Megarry, Secretary to the Committee, at the Colonial Secretariat.

Anyone wishing to support his written representations by oral evidence before the Committee is requested to inform the Secretary accordingly.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

On Friday, the 24th inst., the G.P.O. and Branch Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

There will be no collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

The Publishers are again reminded that the postage on newspapers published in Hongkong and addressed to British Possessions, China and Macao is 2 cents for 4 ozs. and not 2 cents per newspaper. Where the postage is not fully prepaid newspapers cannot be forwarded and if they do not bear the senders' names and addresses they are disposed of in the Dead Letter Office.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Amoy	Luchow	May 23.
Amoy	Talamba	May 23.
Straits	Rosington Court	May 23.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 1st May)	Morva	May 24.
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Grant	May 24.
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	May 25.
Straits	Hakone Maru	May 25.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	May 27.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of France	May 28.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Polk	June 1.
Australia and Manila	St. Albans	June 3.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Date and Time.
Formosa	Sanuki Maru Thurs., May 23, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy and Japan	Yuen Sang Thurs., May 23, 5 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong Thurs., May 23, 5 p.m.
Salgon	Clara Jensen Thurs., May 23, 5 p.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Linan Thurs., May 24, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Rajputana Fri., May 24, 8.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Meusang Fri., May 24, 8 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching Fri., May 24, 9 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Morva Sat., May 25.
	K.P.O.
	Parcels May 23, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration May 25, 9 a.m.
	Letters May 25, 10 a.m.
	G.P.O.
	Parcels May 23, 5 p.m.
	Registration May 23, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters May 23, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 22nd June.)
Manila	Pres. Grant Sat., May 25, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui Sat., May 25, 5 p.m.
Chinhua	Sun., May 26, 8.30 a.m.
Holhow	Kaigan Sun., May 26, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Canton Maru Sun., May 26, 9 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Hakone Maru Mon., May 27, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Kutang Mon., May 27, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Parcels noon.
	Letters May 28, 1 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Hulchow Tues., May 28, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Victoria B. C. and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jefferson Tues., May 28, 5 p.m.
	Parcels May 27, 5 p.m.
	Registration May 28, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters May 28, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Victoria B. C. 17th June.)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning Tues., May 28, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of France Tues., May 28, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Sunning Tues., May 28, 3 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco, and Europe via Siberia	Taiyo Maru Wed., May 29, 8.15 a.m.
	Registration May 29, 8.30 a.m.
	Letters May 29, 9.45 a.m.
	(Due San Francisco 24th June.)
Swatow	Hanganang Wed., May 29, 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Namsang Fri., May 31, noon.
	Parcels noon.
	Letters May 31, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiying Fri., May 31, 1 p.m.
Japan and Victoria B.C.	Tyndarous Sat., June 1, 9.45 a.m.
	Registration June 1, 10.30 a.m.
	Letters June 1, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C. 25th June.)
Manila	Pres. Polk Fri., June 1, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C.S. America, Europe via Vancouver B.C. and Siberia	Empress of France Wed., June 5, 5 p.m.
	Parcels June 4, 5 p.m.
	Registration June 5, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters June 5, 10 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver B.C. 22nd.)

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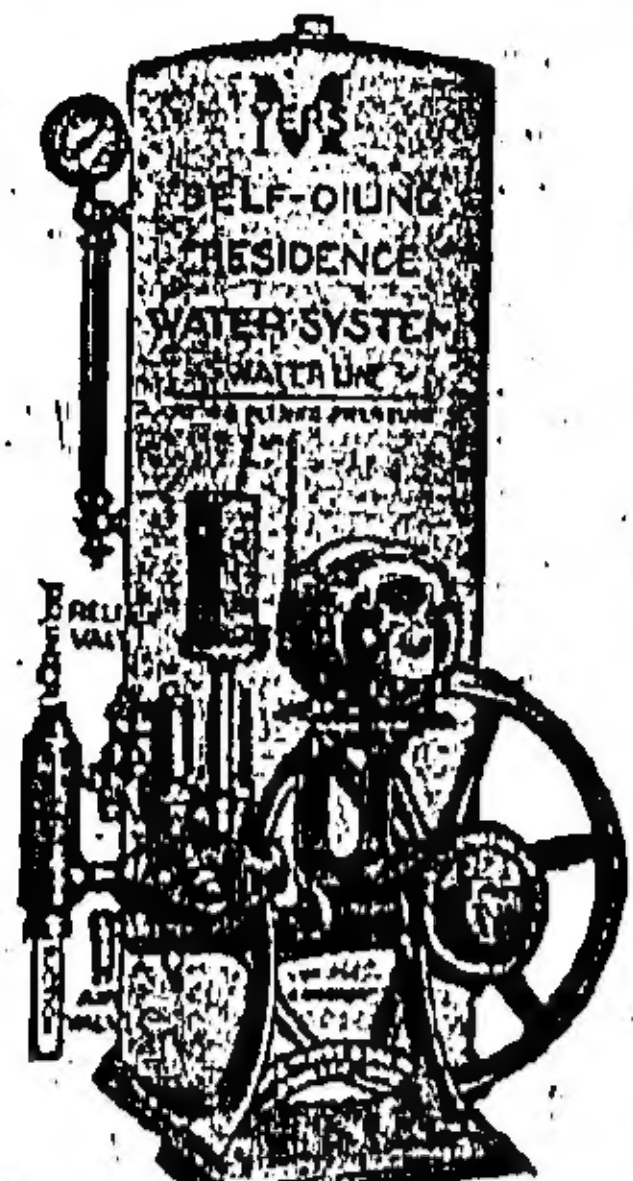
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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

The Lady Companion.

THE LAST OF HER KIND.

Work of any sort involving much intercourse with human beings brings one up against some odd types. The other day in a registry for women where I occasionally deputise, I came upon a perfect specimen of a type I had thought to be long extinct—the Lady Companion.

She floated into the office like a ship in full sail. Her age it was impossible to guess, even approximately. Her clothes were long and voluminous. A lofty hat was erected on an even loftier coiffure and secured with hatpins, those obsolete weapons with which woman, in the days of her bondage, used occasionally to defend herself.

How had she survived contact with the modern world? Questions soon elicited the fact that she had not. She had been living in a rural backwater, with an old lady and two old servants. This old lady, after for many years paying the Lady Companion twenty pounds a year for her companionship, had died and left her—nothing at all.

Dreamy Thoughts.

What was the Lady Companion to do? What indeed! She was totally untrained, entirely incapable, and combined immense personal dignity with complete absence of cash. She could arrange flowers. Thought she might supervise the activities of a really efficient and respectful staff of servants. She was also prepared to drive out in a carriage with another old lady if such could be found. She used strange words like "menial" and "genteel." She suggested dreamy thoughts of aspirin and slippery sofas with prickly bits of horsehair sticking out.

Confronted with this relic one felt as one imagines an official at the Zoo might feel if an ichthyosaurus should amble in one day and offer its services. Wild thoughts of sending her with a letter of introduction to Madame Tussaud's had to be firmly repressed.

Helplessly one opened the books of the registry and recited the posts vacant. The Lady Companion raised a kid-gloved hand and shook a be-feathered head as in each case "help with housework" was announced as a condition of engagement. "Quite impossible," said she. "Quite impossible. I have not been accustomed to menial work—my health would not stand it." "Then Miss Cholmondeley," with polite regret—"I fear we have nothing for you. Such posts as you describe are never heard of



Infinitely feminine, charming and new in at least three ways is this Paris creation. First, it is made of sheer, pure white organdie and tulle, than which nothing could be more summery or dainty. Second, its silhouette is one of the future, the true princess's line with a long skirt that trails gracefully behind. Third, it takes the vogue for ruching trim seriously and uses, two, three and four rows of tulle ruching to re-ruffle its flaring, feminine skirt. A double ruching outlines the neck and falls like a lei. This frock would make a smart bridesmaid style, done in pastel shades and topped by a floppy hat.

Today's Recipe.

SNOW PUDDING.

One and one-half tablespoons granulated gelatine, 4 table-spoons cold water, 1 cup boiling water, 1-2 cup lemon juice, 2-3 cup granulated sugar, whites 3 eggs.

Soften gelatine in cold water for five minutes. Add boiling water and stir until dissolved. Add sugar and lemon juice. Place in a pan of ice water until mixture is cool and syrupy. Beat with egg beater until foamy. Add whites of eggs beaten until stiff and dry and continue beating mixture until it will hold its shape. Turn into a mold and chill for several hours. Unmold and serve.

nowadays. I am so sorry. Is there anything else we can do for you?"

"I'm, hm." A genteel little cough behind the shabby kid-glove. "I have the address of another registry office. Could you—er—perhaps—er—suspense for the bus?"

Suspense for the bus! Armed with this, and another sixpence for a cup of tea, and, one hopes and believes, with the kindly special providence who cares for the helpless, the Lady Companion floated out—surely the last of her kind.—G. M. B. In-Exchange.

Notes.

FROM A FASHION BOOK.

Shaded green and brown cow-hide belt worn with a brown and white sports suit in fine wool.

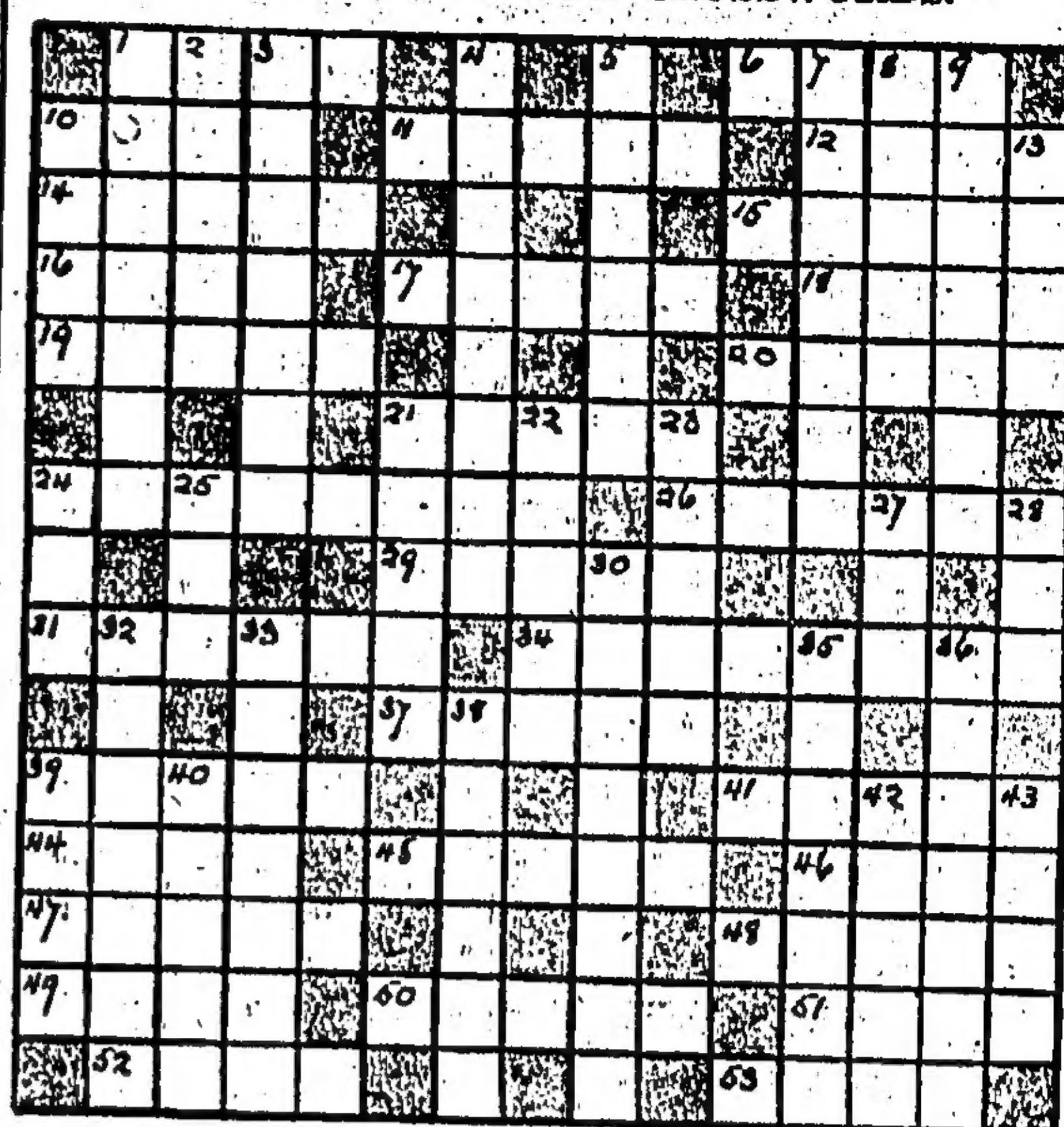
Rose-pink frock in fine cloth, with a skirt made in box pleats, each alternate pleat being about an inch longer, giving a tabbed effect. A short navy blue coat and a pink, navy and powder-blue scarf were worn.

A charming jumper suit in crocus blue and gold, with a design of crocuses worked in silks at the base of the yellow wool jumper; the pleated skirt was of blue satin.

Cocoa-coloured felt hat with a low crown and fairly wide, up-turned brim, reminiscent of the old "sailor" models, worn with a cocoa-coloured wool suit, apricot and cocoa-coloured crepe de Chine jumper and scarf.

Scarlet cashmere coat with a scarlet and yellow posy worked on the left side, imitating a breast pocket, worn with a beige frock with pleated skirt bordered with scarlet.

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Across

- 1 Equipment.
- 6 Light taps.
- 10 Curve.
- 11 Every day.
- 12 Cut with the teeth.
- 14 Till.
- 15 Less restricted.
- 16 Pace.
- 17 Flowed back.
- 18 Units in cards.
- 19 Plucky.
- 20 Proficient.
- 21 Lost brightness.
- 24 Delight.
- 26 Have recourse.
- 29 Draw out.
- 31 Used for spreading mortar.
- 34 Window frame.
- 37 Prophets.
- 39 Ancient Babylonian.
- 41 Glassworks.
- 44 Fruit.
- 46 Species of viper.
- 46 Satisfy.
- 47 Positions.
- 48 Should.
- 49 Always.
- 50 Icebergs.
- 51 Brazilian coins.
- 52 Garlic.
- 53 German equivalent of Mr.

Down

- 1 Well-bred.
- 2 Pierce.
- 3 Total absence of throat.
- 4 Port side of a ship.
- 5 Part of a coat.
- 7 Wears down.

8 Fragment.

- 9 More precipitous.
- 10 The chest.
- 13 Formerly.
- 23 Substances for burning.
- 25 The devil.
- 27 Apparel.
- 28 Cavity in the earth.
- 29 The conscious thinking subject.
- 27 Unit.
- 28 Young child.
- 30 Conveyance.
- 32 Obtain.
- 33 Those who wear.
- 35 Extent.
- 36 Not one or the other.
- 38 Religious festival.
- 39 Semi-circular projection of a building.
- 40 Provide food for.
- 42 Kind of beer.
- 43 Places in position.

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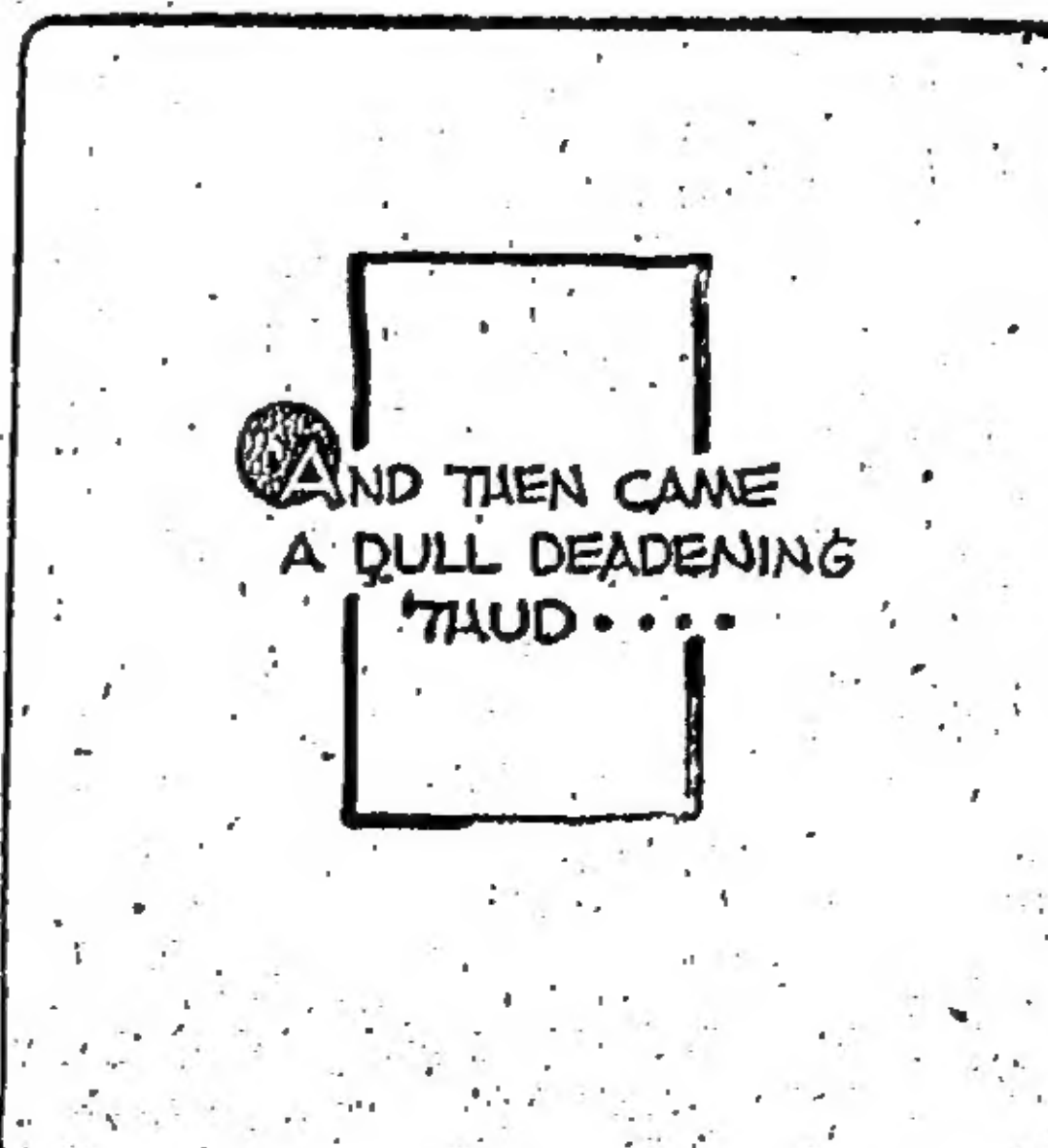
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PORT DEVELOPMENT.

Hongkong, as the biggest port in the East, will doubtless be interested in the report of the Imperial Shipping Committee in regard to the desirability of improving and developing Singapore Harbour. Some of the conclusions reached were outlined in a telegram to hand yesterday. Of these, the most important appear to be the provision of more wharfage for ocean-going steamers and the removal of certain shoals so as to permit of deeper anchorages. It is not considered advisable, however, to undertake any scheme involving a material increase in port charges.

These recommendations are of more than ordinary interest, as they cover points of a character which Hongkong will have sooner or later to face in regard to its own harbour. It will be recalled that some eight years ago, the Government engaged the services of an expert, in the person of Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice, to visit the Colony and present an extensive report on the question of harbour development. This document was of a most comprehensive character, and the scheme put forward covered all aspects of the local problem. The matter was later investigated at considerable length by the Chamber of Commerce, and further contributions to the question were made in the form of a wet dock proposal by Captain Davison whilst the Government's own Port Engineer also presented a lengthy report on the future needs of the harbour. Since those days, however, a reign of economy has set in, and very little has been heard of port development for the past few years. Indeed, the separate Port Development Department which had been created was two years ago again re-absorbed into the P.W.D., on the plea that harbour development works were so closely inter-connected with works falling under the P.W.D. as to make it necessary in the interests of efficiency to bring them under the same control. In the interim, survey work has been carried out in the harbour, and a certain amount of dredging has been done, but nothing has been heard regarding the elaborate schemes put forward by Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice or by Mr. John Duncan. It may be that financial considerations have prevented the matter being further gone into, but, all the same, we should like to feel that the necessity of maintaining the port in a thoroughly modern condition is not being lost sight of.

That there is still need for further deepening of the harbour at certain spots is obvious; indeed, one expert has suggested that the depth ought to be in the neighbourhood of forty feet. As regards wharfage, it was stated at the Wharf and Godown Company's meeting a couple of months ago that on several occasions last year ships were compelled to discharge in the stream, due to no wharves being available. It was stressed at that meeting that the need for further wharf accommodation is becoming increasingly evident. In view of facts like these, it is well that the question of harbour development should be kept well to the fore, for Hongkong's harbour is its greatest asset.

Rationalisation of Industry.

The proposed fusion of the Egyptian section of Lancashire's cotton industry may be hailed as yet another valuable step towards the rationalisation of British industry, a movement which has gained remarkable impetus in the past twelve months. The approval of the shareholders has yet to be obtained, but so rapidly are Britain's industrialists awakening to the significance of well-planned organisation and amalgamation of common interests that no opposition is expected from this quarter. Two or three years ago, rationalisation was viewed with suspicion as an American-coined word for trouble, but though Great Britain has been late in the field, it is evident that a big endeavour is now being made to catch up. Recent linkings of important industrial concerns include the merger of Vickers-Armstrongs and Cammell Lairds, the fusion of important iron and steel companies in Durham, and the formation of the Lancashire cotton spinning corporation, which plans mass production on a tremendous scale, the elimination of every kind of waste and overlapping, and of harmful competition. Big collieries are arranging amalgamation where mutual assistance and co-operation are possible and desirable, while the drastic processes of writing down capital carried out in big industrial concerns is the most welcome indication of the seriousness with which the problems are being tackled. Mr. Stanley Baldwin is on 'perfectly safe ground' when he claims that British industry is finding its feet and will achieve a large measure of its old prosperity if political stability is assured, though it does not necessarily follow that the removal of the Conservative Government would remove stability. Rationalisation has also a keen supporter in the Prince of Wales. In a striking speech at the Newcastle Exhibition, he appealed for ruthless scrapping of old-fashioned machinery and methods and the need for the introduction of an entirely new outlook on industrial possibilities. It is interesting to note that the Workers' Educational Association has chosen rationalisation as its principal subject of study this year, it can be predicted with safety that, granted a maintenance of the improved relations between employers and employed, no change of Government will interfere materially with the advance of British industry in line with modern requirements.

OBSCENE PICTURES.

CHINESE PHOTOGRAPHER IN TROUBLE.

Photographs of a most disgusting character were seized from a Chinese photographer's shop at the Praya East during a raid carried out yesterday by officers from the Wanchai Police Station. The raid was preceded by a visit which a detective made in the capacity of a buyer. Having made a purchase and obtained the necessary evidence, a warrant was taken out, upon which the officers acted. The proprietor and an assistant were taken into custody, being charged before Mr. N. L. Smith to-day with the possession of obscene pictures. The former was fined \$100 and the latter discharged. The seized photographs were ordered to be destroyed. Shops where studies of figures in the nude and semi-nude are displayed for sale have increased in numbers of late, and it was stated this morning that similar action was being contemplated against other shops by the police.

DAY BY DAY.

BE WONDERFUL WARY OF YOUR FIRST COMPROMISES; GET A GOOD NAME, AND BE VERY TENDER OF IT AFTERWARDS.—Howell.

Yesterday's return of notifiable disease shows two cases each of diphtheria and typhoid. All were Chinese excepting one Portuguese case of diphtheria.

Mr. Wei Tat, B.A., will speak on "The Justice of Life" at the usual weekly public lecture of the Theosophical Society, 7 Queen's Road Central, to-day at 6 p.m.

For carrying seven passengers in excess of the number allowed by her licence, the mistress of a passenger boat was this morning fined \$20, or three weeks, at the Marine Court, by the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N.

The case in which Lam Chun was charged with robbery on a junk, kidnapping and possession of a revolver concluded at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon. Prisoner was found not guilty on all charges and was acquitted.

There was a slight increase in the number of small-pox cases reported to the Medical Officer of Health last week. Ten were notified, two more than the previous week. Nine of them occurred in the Victoria registration districts and one in Kowloon. There were eight deaths.

The attention of cinema-goers is drawn to the fact that an interesting picture, "Keep Watch," will be shown to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre at 5.00 p.m. in addition to the feature attraction. The film gives statistics of the British and other navies and is being shown by arrangement with The Navy League.

Mr. Lalchand, the managing partner of Messrs. Lalchand and Gargandas was the guest of honour at a tea party given in the Sindh Merchants Club by Mr. Verhonal Shevaram, managing proprietor of the Pioneer Silk Store, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Lalchand intends leaving the Colony for India shortly with his wife and family.

A fine of \$25 was imposed by Mr. T. E. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on the master of a pawnshop who pleaded guilty to receiving in pawn a pair of trousers which bore Government marks and signs. The garment was stated to have been stolen from a Fire Brigade man and pawned. His Worship told the defendant that the offence was a very serious one.

A noisy scene was enacted at the street fountain in On Lan Street shortly after midnight, by the queue which had formed up at that early hour with their buckets. Blows were struck, between a number of disputants, the quarrel continuing until the arrival on the scene of a number of policemen. The affair was settled in some way, and apparently, it was not found necessary to bring any charge before the Magistrate this morning.

A week ago, three Chinese men and a woman vehemently protested against being placed in the cells when the Magistrate at the Police Court ordered a remand in a case in which they were charged with uttering counterfeit bank notes. One of the defendants stated that he would rather be shot than compelled to endure prison life, and he strongly resisted when he was put into the cell again. This morning the case was brought up again before Mr. N. L. Smith, and it was reported that one of the male defendants was sick and unable to appear. The Magistrate again remanded the case, which will be heard on Tuesday.

NEW MOTOR SHIPS.

MORE BUILT FOR THE FAR EAST.

Messrs. Grier and Co. London, write informing us that their Dutch shipbuilding principals, the "De Maas" Shipbuilding Company, of Slikerveer, Holland, have recently completed the building of seven Diesel motor ships, and they have just secured orders for the building of three Diesel motor ships, 165'0" x 28'8" x 10'0", 400 tons deadweight, to be fitted with 250 H.P. "Sulzer" motor installation to give them a speed of 8 1/2 knots loaded.

The above vessels will be employed in trading in Eastern waters.

LOUIS XV STORY.

JOHN BARRYMORE IN "WHEN A MAN LOVES."

In most of the arts, the finished product is the work of one individual. In motion pictures it is the work of many. Before a single set for the spectacular production "When A Man Loves" was designed, research experts delved deeply into the history and literature of the times of Louis XV of France which is the period of the story.

The costumes are faithful reproductions of originals obtained from the French State Museum. Twenty-four costumes of the period were borrowed from the French Government, Warner Bros. posting a bond of \$24,000 as a guaranty of their safe return.

Street scenes and interiors were designed and executed by Mr. Ben Carré who received his art education in Paris.

Limitless pains were taken in the reproduction of the convict ship and scenes of deportation and battle at sea. So authentic is the atmosphere in which the characters play their parts that the theatre-goer is completely lost in the story, which means that the direction of Alan Crosland is of the highest order. The cast, besides the names of Barrymore and Costello includes many screen actors of world-wide fame. The months of careful preparation are justified by the gem that is "When A Man Loves" with John Barrymore in the leading role. The great picture comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day.

BRIDGE MADE EASY by W.W. Wentworth

Overcalling Partner's Bid—2.

Your partner declares a club. Immediately it is incumbent upon you to interpret your partner's bid. What inferences are you to draw therefrom? Ask yourself, "Why did my partner choose a minor suit? Why not a major suit? Why not a no trump?" Your partner has conveyed to you both positive and negative information. You have been informed that your partner has a sound club bid but does not possess either a sound major or sound no trump bid. Your partner has also delivered this message to you—"Partner, please co-operate with me by furnishing me with any information that may improve the bid; a major declaration or a no trump declaration would be most welcome if sound."

To make game in a minor suit requires a total of eleven tricks, in a major only ten tricks and in a no trump only nine. It therefore is obligatory after your partner has made a minor declaration, if your hand contains over one quick trick (preferably about 1 1/2 for beginners) properly distributed in the other suits, to furnish such information as will better or improve the bid. This may be accomplished by bidding another suit or a no trump.

If your hand contains more than one quick trick, you should furnish information by bidding in the following order:

- 1—A major suit as strong as a defensive bid.
- 2—No trump if two of the suits other than the one bid are stopped.
- 3—The other minor if it is as good as a defensive bid.

You should always be on the qui vive to change your partner's minor bid even if you possess only the minimum of support for a bettering bid.

SEEING EGYPT.

BREAKING THE JOURNEY AT SUEZ.

When travelling to Europe via Suez, the desire is frequently expressed to visit Cairo, the Pyramids, Sphinx, etc., but upon reaching Suez, the lack of information, vagueness about catching the steamer at Port Said, and other reasons, prevent many people from enjoying such an interesting break in the voyage.

Thanks to Messrs. Theo. Cook and Son, arrangements have now been made whereby travellers from the East may enjoy two or three days in Egypt, leaving the steamer at Suez, and re-joining it again at either Port Said or Alexandria. It is to be expected that many Hongkong residents will avail themselves of the opportunity thus offered to visit the land of the Pharaohs, for although the time available is, but short, there is the assurance of a pleasant respite from the somewhat monotonous sea voyage, under the ideal conditions always associated with such a well-known travel agency as "Cook's."

The Very Idea!

On trial in New York as a public nuisance, Texas Guinan, America's "Queen of the Night Clubs," was recently once again in the public eye.

Texas entered the witness-box wearing diamond bracelets six inches thick and rings with stones as big as walnuts.

She smilingly said that she had never tasted liquor, and swore that she did not know the Salon Royale, the night club at which she was said to have been employed as "hostess," dispensing drinks to those willing to pay for the privilege.

In reply to the prosecuting attorney's statement that she is believed to have been the owner of the club, Texas declared that she was just a "hired artist," but admitted she was making \$20,000 yearly out of this employment.

Magistrate at Feltham, Middlesex: Was anybody else present when this happened?

Woman: No, nobody else; only my husband.

Woman at Thames Police Court: My husband uses bad language to me and threatens to sell the parrot.

The Magistrate (Mr. J. A. R. Cairns): Perhaps his language will be better then.

Willesdon Magistrate: Does your husband live at home?

Wife: Yes, all by himself; no one takes any notice of him.

[An Italian bridegroom refused to marry his bride because, at the time fixed for the ceremony she was "waiting her turn" for a hair-wave.]

Vanity, subtle and active,
Sad to relate,
Proving strong and attractive,
Settled her fate
Guests in the church congregated,
Nuptials to see—
Where could she be
Search and inquiries extensive;
Bridgroom agast;
Anxious, perturbed, apprehensive
Found her at last,
Captured by Beauty's own magic
Lured by its spell
Ending in (isn't it tragic?)
Waves of farewell.

Peter, aged four, was given a small plot in the garden, to be under his especial care. After it had been dug and raked for him, he put in a few flower seeds. Then he sought his mother, indoors.

"Mum," he asked, "Which vase can I have to put my flowers when I pick them?"

Mr. S. H. Sims, the well-known artist, writes:

"The annoyance of wrong numbers in telephone calls is mollified sometimes by a gentle wit. Once upon a time I was editing the *Idler* magazine. I had need to call up the printers, and when I was put through commenced as usual, 'Idler speaking.' Mr. Wrong Number replied, 'Then make yourself busy by ringing off.'

"One day I called up Mrs. Pippi. 'Are you Mrs. Pippi?' A snappy masculine voice came back with, 'No, I am not Mrs. Pippi, I never have been Mrs. Pippi, and I hope I never shall be Mrs. Pippi.'

"But it is a short worm that has no turning. I was called up by a voice asking, 'What time would be convenient to send the men along.'

"What men, who are you?"

"We are Snodgrass and Piffle, undertakers."

"Ring off; I'm not quite ready for you."

Much merriment was caused by a sign in front of a Highland church which read:

"Subject of Sunday evening's service, 'Do you know what hell is?'"

And underneath in smaller letters, "Come and hear our new organ."

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, May 22.
Paris	124.15
Geneva	25.105
Berlin	20.865
Oslo	18.20
Helsingfors	192.7
Athens	376
Bucharest	474
Hongkong	1/11 1/2
New York	4.84 5/16
Amsterdam	12.08
Stockholm	18.15
Vienna	84.53
Madrid	84.125
Bucharest	818
Bombay	1/16 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 5/32
Brussels	84.125
Milan	92.675
Copenhagen	18.205
Prague	103.7
Lisbon	103.7
Rio	6.57/64
Shanghai	2/5
Silver (spot and forward)	25.1/16

—British Wireless.

STABBING INCIDENT
SEQUEL.MAGISTRATE TO REVIEW
HIS DECISION.

TOO HEAVY SENTENCE

A case which was dealt with by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, in which a man was sentenced to eight months' hard labour on charges of stabbing a detective and resisting arrest, was mentioned in Court this morning when his Worship intimated that he intended to review his decision.

His Lordship said he thought he had exceeded his powers in sentencing the defendant to eight months' hard labour. He said that Section 38 of the Magistrates Ordinance only gave him power to sentence a man to six months' imprisonment altogether.

He added that the offences took place in different streets and at different times, but he regarded them as one incident.

His Worship quoted the section which reads: "A Magistrate shall not, by cumulative sentences of imprisonment (other than for default of finding securities) to take effect in succession in respect of several assaults committed on the same occasion, impose on any persons imprisonment for the whole exceeding six months."

His Worship pointed out to Detective Inspector Fallon, who was in charge of the case, that the question was arguable whether the offences could be regarded as the same occasion or not.

His Worship remarked that the defendant in the case would be brought before the Court on Saturday morning for decision.

EINSTEIN'S CREED.

RELATIVITY AND A CRY
OF ATHEISM.

New York, Apr. 25.

Professor Einstein, famous for his Relativity and Space-curvature theories, has been put through a sort of "Shorter Catechism" by cable.

Following are the question and answer which have passed between the Rabbi Herbert Goldstein in America and the great scientist at Dusseldorf, in Germany:—

Q. Do you believe in God?—(Goldstein).

A. I believe in Spinoza's God, who reveals Himself in the orderly harmony of what exists; not in a God who concerns himself with the fates and actions of human beings.—(Einstein).

I am informed that the Rabbi Goldstein was prompted to ask his blunt question by a remark of Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, Mass.

Speaking recently to members of New England Catholic clubs, the Cardinal warned them against the Einstein theory of relativity as "a begotten speculation producing universal doubt about God and his creation."

Such a theory, the Cardinal said, "cloaks a ghastly apparition of atheism."

Not a Polytheist.

Having received the Einstein reply (as above) to his query, the Rabbi Goldstein now expresses the view that Professor Einstein, by his positive acceptance of God, cannot be classified as an atheist or even an agnostic.

"Einstein points to a unity," says the Rabbi. "Einstein's theory, if carried out to a logical conclusion, would bring to mankind a scientific formula for monotheism."

"He does away with all thought of dualism or pluralism. He has no room for any aspect of polytheism."

[Prof. Pringle-Pattison, in the "Encyclopaedia Britannica," writes: "Spinoza's philosophy is a thoroughgoing pantheism, which has both a naturalistic and a mystical side. The foundation of the system is the doctrine of one infinite substance, of which all finite existences are modes or limitations (modes of thought or modes of extension). God is thus the immanent cause of the universe; but of creation or will there can be no question in Spinoza's system. God is used throughout as equivalent to Nature."]—

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is now highest to the north-east of Japan. It is relatively low over China generally. A depression is situated between Koshi and Tokyo. The forecast till noon to-morrow is—S.W. or variable winds, moderate; fair to showery.

INSURANCE FIELD
PROBLEMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

It is obvious that such a state of affairs cannot continue indefinitely but unfortunately no signs are yet to be discerned of any practical steps being taken to bring about that all round improvement to which all those concerned in the business have been anxiously looking forward for the past few years.

Reductions in London.

To those of you who may be in the habit of observing the accounts of the leading British insurance companies, as published in the home papers, it will have been evident that the marine underwriting results of 1927 and last year have generally been most unsatisfactory. A considerable proportion of our premium income is derived from business written in the London market and, as I regret to say that our experience of it has been no more favourable than that of most of our competitors, after giving the matter careful consideration we have recently taken steps which will effect a substantial reduction in our London account and will, we hope, eliminate much of the business which has been found to be unprofitable, without impairing the progress and the prosperity of the Company. This policy will be maintained until such time as results generally furnish ample evidence of a very marked improvement in conditions in the London market.

Fall in Income.

Working account for the year 1928, after twelve months' working, shows a fall in premium income of approximately £440,000 and the balance of £1,837,848.86 carried forward is less by £667,133.03 than that for the year 1927 at the same period. These decreases are due partly to the policy of curtailment, to which I have already referred, and also to exceptionally heavy losses through out the year, the total of these as at 31st December 1928 exceeding that for 1927, after the same period of one year, by \$209,803.82. The year 1928 has undoubtedly inflicted a number of unusually severe total losses upon underwriters generally, including those of the liners "Vestris" and "Celtic," the latter being by far the largest vessel that has been lost since the War. This account has yet another twelve months to run, however, and judging from the way things have been going from the end of last year to date, we are hopeful that, despite its inauspicious commencement, it may yet show a moderately satisfactory outturn when it has finally run off, taking into consideration the present unfavourable conditions of marine insurance business.

Assets Show Lowering.

An analysis of the balance sheet shows that our assets as expressed both in Sterling and in Hongkong Dollars stand at a lower figure than a year ago, the item for "Agency Balances" accounting for this reduction, largely as result of our change of policy in London.

You will observe that the investment and exchange fluctuation account shows an increase of \$108,327.37, which is due to the improvement in the market values of both our gold and silver investments.

Dividends Maintained.

Reinsurance fund is up by \$115,564.23 whilst underwriting suspense account is down by \$149,219.20.

The surplus to be dealt with is \$1,085,868.10, out of which has been paid an interim dividend of \$18 per share. We now recommend the payment of a final dividend of \$22 per share and the transfer of the balance, amounting to \$686,868.10, to underwriting suspense account to close 1927 and previous years. The balance of \$1,837,848.86 at credit of 1928 account allows of the payment of the usual interim dividend of \$18 for that year.

I do not think there is anything further that calls for special reference but I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions arising out of the accounts which shareholders may wish to put, after the accounts themselves have been duly seconded.

I now propose the following resolution:—

"That the Report and Accounts, as presented, including the payment of a Final Dividend in respect of the year 1927 of \$22 per share and an Interim Dividend in respect of the year 1928 of \$18 per share and the addition of \$686,868.10 to Underwriting Suspense Account be adopted and passed."

This was seconded by Mr. D. V. Stevenson and carried unanimously.

Other Business.

The following Consulting Committee was elected on the proposition of Mr. C. Bernard Brown seconded by Mr. Ho Kow-shin:—

INVITATION GOLF
TOURNEY.HORTON SMITH RESISTS THE
BOOMER CHALLENGE.

SPLENDID SUCCESS.

Paris, May 22.

The commanding lead secured yesterday with the remarkable aggregate of 132 for thirty-six holes, practically established Horton Smith, the "baby" American professional, as the winner of the \$500 Invitation Tournament at St. Cloud.

Requiring only ordinarily good golf to win, Horton Smith, celebrated his 21st birthday to-day by further superb play, returning cards of 70 and 71, which gave him final figures of 273, an average of fifteen under four.

There was just a remote possibility of a challenge when Aubrey Boomer, who is the professional at the St. Cloud course, returned a card in the morning revealing the performance of almost superhuman golf. He went round in 61, eleven under four, knocking seven strokes off his previous best for the course and five strokes off the record set by Horton Smith.

His card read:

Out: 3 5 4 4 4 8 3 3 4—33

In: 3 4 3 3 3 3 2 4 3—28

In the afternoon, he went round in 71, and thus equalled Smith's aggregate of 132 for 36 holes, but falling five strokes short of the winner's score.

The leading scores were:

Horton Smith (U.S.A.) 60 64 70 71—273

A. Boomer (St. Cloud) 74 72 67 71—284

G. Baran (U.S.A.) 76 71 67 72—286

Other scores:

J. Farrell (U.S.A.) 72 73 74 71—290

A. Hoyer (Nies) 74 72 73 76—295

F. H. Cotton (Larney) 78 71 76 74—299

W. Haen (U.S.A.) 70 72 72 70—284

J. Turness (U.S.A.) 70 72 72 70—284

—Reuter.

FOREIGN
SHAREHOLDERS.C.E.C. PROBLEM RECURS IN
SWITZERLAND.

Zurich, Apr. 17.

The Motor-Columbus, one of the leading firms in the electric line, finds itself forced to take measures against foreign capitalists who are trying to get the majority of the shares. For this purpose they are now issuing 170,000 new shares, two-thirds of which must be in the hands of Swiss owners approved of by the board of directors. These shares of £2 each will have the same voting rights as the 170,000 £20 shares, but a very limited claim for dividends.

Sir Robert Ho-tung, Messrs. A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, A. S. Gubbay, Henry Humphreys, T. E. Pearce and A. H. White.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, were re-elected auditors on the proposition of Mr. J. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Lo Man-hin.

There were present at the meeting Messrs. A. H. Compton, A. S. Gubbay, Henry Humphreys, T. E. Pearce, A. H. White, Ho Kom-tong, Lo Man-hin, D. V. Stevenson, J. Arnold, (representing the Steamboat Co.), C. Bernard Brown, A. A. Rumjahn, J. H. Seth and H. W. Moon (Secretary).

QUESTION OF BODY
REMOVALS.SOLICITOR ESTABLISHES A
COMMON PRACTICE.

Pleading an old practice, Mr. F. H. Loseby obtained the withdrawal of the case against a sampan woman, who was charged on remand, before Major O. Willson this morning, with removing the body of her infant child without a permit.

The child died on a sampan, and the mother, with the view to saving funeral expenses, removed the remains to a dispensary at Shauiwan.

At this stage she came under police notice, questions being asked as to why she had not first taken out the necessary permit from the Sanitary authorities before moving the body, and also as to why it had been necessary for her to pay money to the person who took the body over.

For the defence, Mr. Loseby this morning said it had become an established practice in outlying districts for bodies to be removed to such institutions as dispensaries, and that the payment of a fee in such cases was customary, to ensure that the burial arrangements would be carried out and that the body would be treated with respect.

Mr. Loseby pointed out that if the woman had wanted to do so, she could have dumped the body overboard. "I think I have satisfied the Head of the Sanitary Department that what has been done in this case was in accordance with the practice of the Colony," Mr. Loseby added. The case was dismissed.

STOLE £85,000 TO
GAMBLE.BANK CLERK "HOPED
TO PAY BACK."

Johannesburg, Apr. 24.

James Rennie Aldred, aged 32, formerly a clerk in the South African Reserve Bank, was to-day sentenced at the Criminal Sessions to penal servitude for the theft of £85,000 from the bank.

Aldred said he got into financial difficulties when he was a clerk in the National Bank. When he joined the Reserve Bank in 1924 he was an unrehabilitated insolvent (although the bank was unaware of this).

Aldred said his troubles preyed on his mind, and he speculated in order to pay his creditors.

Embezzled to Invest. This money he embezzled from the bank, expecting to receive back the capital with profits within six months.

"If I had done so," said the defendant, "I would have paid back the money."

But the two stockbrokers came again and again to him for more money. He gave them altogether £85,000—of which he had got back only £3,000.

In passing sentence, Mr. Justice Krause commented upon the "encouragement and inducements held out to the prisoner by other people."

He added that he was impressed by the manner in which Aldred gave evidence, and the manly way in which he had faced the matter when found out.

The judge modified his original intention of passing a severe sentence. As a first offender, Aldred must serve only 4½ years.—Reuter.

STREET FOUNTAIN
SQUABBLE.THREE WOMEN BEFORE THE
KOWLOON MAGISTRATE.

GALLONS WASTED.

A fight at a street fountain in Shamshuipe led to three women appearing before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Two of them were alleged to have assaulted the third, while the complainant in the assault charge was accused of wasting four gallons of water.

The defendants admitted having had a fight, but stated that the complainant was the cause of the trouble by putting some dirty substance into the water.

The complainant was equally emphatic that the defendants were the originators of the trouble and denied the allegation that she had made the water dirty.

In reply to his Worship, Sub-Inspector Hoare said there were no outside witnesses.

His Worship ordered all parties to be bound over in the sum of \$50 each to keep the peace for six months.

In respect of the more serious charge of wasting water, his Worship informed Sub-Inspector Hoare that the only two witnesses in the case were two women who were antagonists, whom he regarded as being prejudiced.

MYSTERY OF A MISSING
MILLIONAIRE.PROBLEM OF £45,000
BANK ORDER.

New York, April 24.

A letter bearing a London postmark is one of the few clues in the hands of the New York Police Missing Persons Bureau, which is now endeavouring to trace Dr. Charles B. Brancati, a millionaire resident of New York, who has been missing since November 19, 1928.

Another clue is a letter, apparently signed by Dr. Brancati, to Messrs. Hardy and Co., brokers, asking them to deliver stocks valued at £45,000, belonging to Dr. Brancati, to a person mentioned in the letter.

Depositor Disappears.

This was done. The proceeds were deposited in one of New York's Italian banks, and withdrawn subsequently by the person who had made the deposit. He has since disappeared, leaving no trace.

The third clue is a typewritten letter of faulty construction received by Dr. Brancati's brother. It bore a signature like that of Dr. Brancati, and said that the writer was going along all right, and adding that demands would probably be made for money, and should be met. The London letter, which was received by Mr. Pasquale Simenella, president of the Italian Savings Bank, and a personal friend of Dr. Brancati, was the last to be received.

Dr. Brancati, who is a bachelor, and lived with his brother in the old Gouverneur Morris mansion, Harding Avenue, New York, said that he was going to see a friend on the day he left home. The police do not know whether he disappeared intentionally or was kidnapped.

ORANG-OUTANG'S
SWAN-SONG.THE DEATH OF "PETER
GOLIATH."

Budapest, Apr. 17.

Peter Goliath, the orang-outang who was bought last year, with his mate and little one, for the sum of twelve thousand pengos, has died at the Zoo.

When the Goliath family were brought to Budapest no effort was spared to make them feel at home. They were installed in two large cages lined with glass and filled with damp air of a temperature of 25 degrees C. above zero. Branches were fixed across the cages, and small birds were introduced into the cages to give the orang-outangs the illusion of being back in their Sumatra jungle.

But in spite of these precautions, and a studied diet of milk, eggs, figs, oranges, and bananas, the female and the baby succumbed within a few months. After the death of his mate, Peter Goliath developed a propensity which aroused the astonishment and interest of the experts; every evening after eating his supper he would sing a melancholy song, and a few days ago, after his usual nocturnal, he went to sleep and never awakened again.

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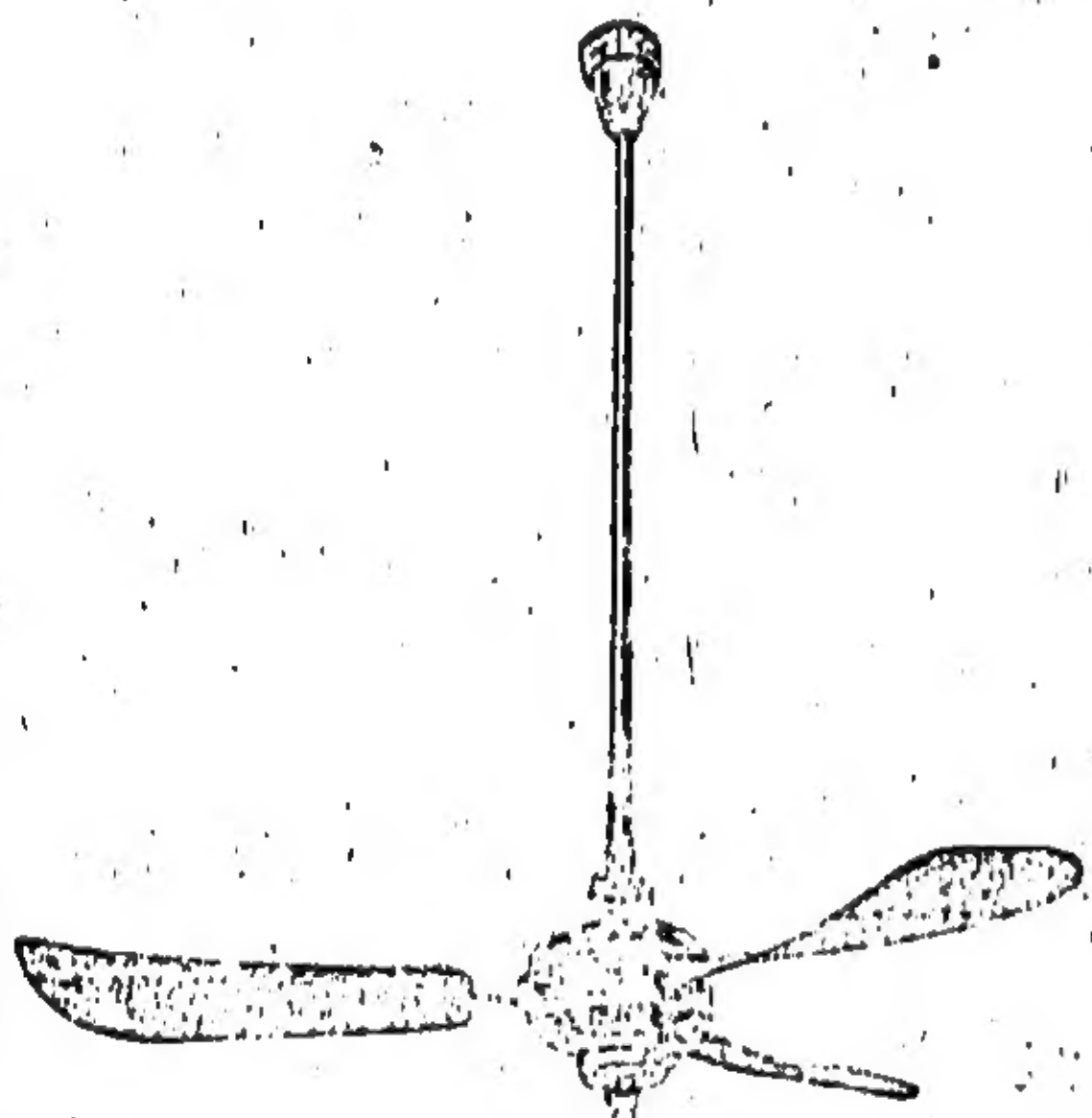
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QUEEN'S COLLEGE BOXING.

INTERESTING BOUTS THIS MORNING.

In the school hall this morning, the students of Queen's College held a boxing tournament. The skill which they displayed and the manifest enjoyment of the competitors in every bout were in themselves not only a compliment to the school authorities for encouraging the boys in the static art but also spoke volumes for the good work of Mr. "Kid" Marriott, the well-known local trainer, who has had charge of the school gymnasium for the last few years. Besides the boxing events, there was a single-stick match between Bashir Ahmed, who has been champion of the school for the last two years, and O. R. Sadick, who won by the close margin of one point.

All the fights were over three two-minute rounds. Two of the best bouts were the fly-weight and the heavy-weight. Two boys from the lowest class of the school faced each other in the former event and a good fight was seen. Neither had much science, but were both game little 'uns, Li Hau-wai beating Chau Pook-yuen after a close fight.

The heavy-weight fight was good while it lasted. O. el Arculli showed himself no novice in the art and connected some good 'hits, his opponent throwing in the towel after a particularly hefty one in the first round.

Another fight which deserves to be mentioned was the light-weight bout between E. H. Esmail and Wong Hon-ye. Even after an extra half-minute, no decision was reached, both retiring amid applause.

The following were the results:
Heavy Weight.—Wong Wing-nin (Class F 3C) beat P. Abbas (Class 3 N.C.).
Light Weight.—E. H. Esmail (3 N.C.) drew with Wong Hon-ye (C 3 B.).

Fly Weight.—Li Hau-wai (8 B) beat Chau Pook-yuen (8Z).
Single Stick Fencing.—O. R. Sadick (F 2B) beat Bashir Ahmed (F 1).

Welter Weight.—Ip Hon-Sun (4 B) beat Cheung To-hi (4 B).
Heavy Weight.—O. el Arculli (3 N.C.) beat Chu Wing-cheung (F 3 B.).
Welter Weight.—Pang Tit-chung beat Tong Tung-kai.

The officials were as follows:—Referee, Mr. G. W. Reeve; trainer, Mr. "Kid" Marriott; M.C., Mr. J. C. Fletcher; time-keeper, Mr. H. G. Wallington.

Mrs. Edith Wilkinson, of Lancastergate, W., left £1,000 and her clothes to her maid, Annie Palmer, of Hartington-road, Brighton, in her service at her death.

A WHITE SOUTH AFRICA

DUTCH AND BRITISH.

Cape Town, Apr. 18.
General Hertzog, the Prime Minister to-day delivered an election policy speech at Smithfield. He claimed that the settlement of the disputes regarding the status of independence had been a declaration of peace between the Dutch and English-speaking South Africans after a one hundred years' struggle for liberty.

General Hertzog then went on to say that the failings of the Smuts Government particularly the failure to maintain the National South African doctrine of white civilised labour for State enterprises, was due to the old South African party being out-generated by the Unionist element. The Government had made every effort to arrive at a satisfactory solution of the native problem. That it had not succeeded had been ascribed to the state of powerlessness to which General Smuts was doomed by the Unionist alliance.

The Nationalist election programme included agricultural development, loans to farmers for improvements, the protection of industries, white labour. In State enterprises, the allocation of part of the proceeds, from the State diggings for irrigation schemes, power from Union coal, road construction, and "the insuring of South Africa man's future as a white man's land with white man's civilisation, the rejection of the doctrine proclaimed by General Smuts of the incorporation or federation of the Union with the British native territories in East or North-East Africa," and the solution of native problems on the lines of political and territorial segregation.

General Hertzog declared that there was no better way for the proper care and interests of the native than the guarantee that South Africa should ever remain the heritage of Europeans with European civilisation unendangered by the native and his vote. Unless the native vote were separated from the white it would cause the greatest tragedy in the history of South Africa.

General Smuts's policy must result in the downfall of South Africa as a white man's land. —*Reuter.*

TUNNEY'S ALLEGED PROMISE.

A FRESH DEVELOPMENT.

Brioni (Adriatic), May 22.
"It must be another joke," was Tunney's comment on the reported breach of promise suit.

"When I am sued I shall let my attorney worry."
A New York message says Tunney's attorney has published an affidavit dated July 24 last year, signed by Mrs. Fogarty, making a "solemn declaration under oath" that Tunney was under no obligation whatsoever towards Mrs. Fogarty. —*Reuter.*

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1225 b.
Chartered Bank, £191 b.
Morseantile & B., £33 n.
P. and O. £91 n.
East Asia \$904. n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$695 b.
Union Ins., \$365 s.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$2.20 s.
China Firms, \$300 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$775 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$33 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$26 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$2.60 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$70 n.
Union Waterboats, \$22 h.

Mining.

Benguets, \$21 b.
Kailans, 66/- b.
Langkats, Tls. 14 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2.75 s.
Raubs, \$6.25 n.
Tronohs, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$1221 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$36 n.
China Providents, \$4.30 s.
Hongkows, Tls. 178 n.
New Engineerings, Tls. 5.65 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 125 s.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 12.50 s.
Orientals, Tls. 2 h.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 72 (old) s.
Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$8.80 n.
H. K. Lands, \$621 b.
Shai Lands Tls. 143 n.
Humphreys, \$14.35 b.

Realities.

Realities, \$8.35 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18.21 n.
Peak Trams, (old) \$121 b.
Star Ferries, \$561 b.
China Lights, (Old) \$13.60 s.
H. K. Electric, \$57 s.

Macao-Electrics, \$262 n.
Telephones, \$7. h.

China Buses, Tls. 141. b.
Singapore Tractions, 11/6 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 sa.
Malabons, \$27 b.

Canton Ice, \$1.80 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$8.30 s.

Ropes (Old) \$7.10 n.
United Asbestos \$5 b.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$19.25 b.
Watsons, \$12.90 s.

Dor A. Wings, 80 b.
Lane Crawfords, \$2 s.

Mackintosh, \$18 b.
Sincors, \$11.80 h.

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Amusements, \$30 s.
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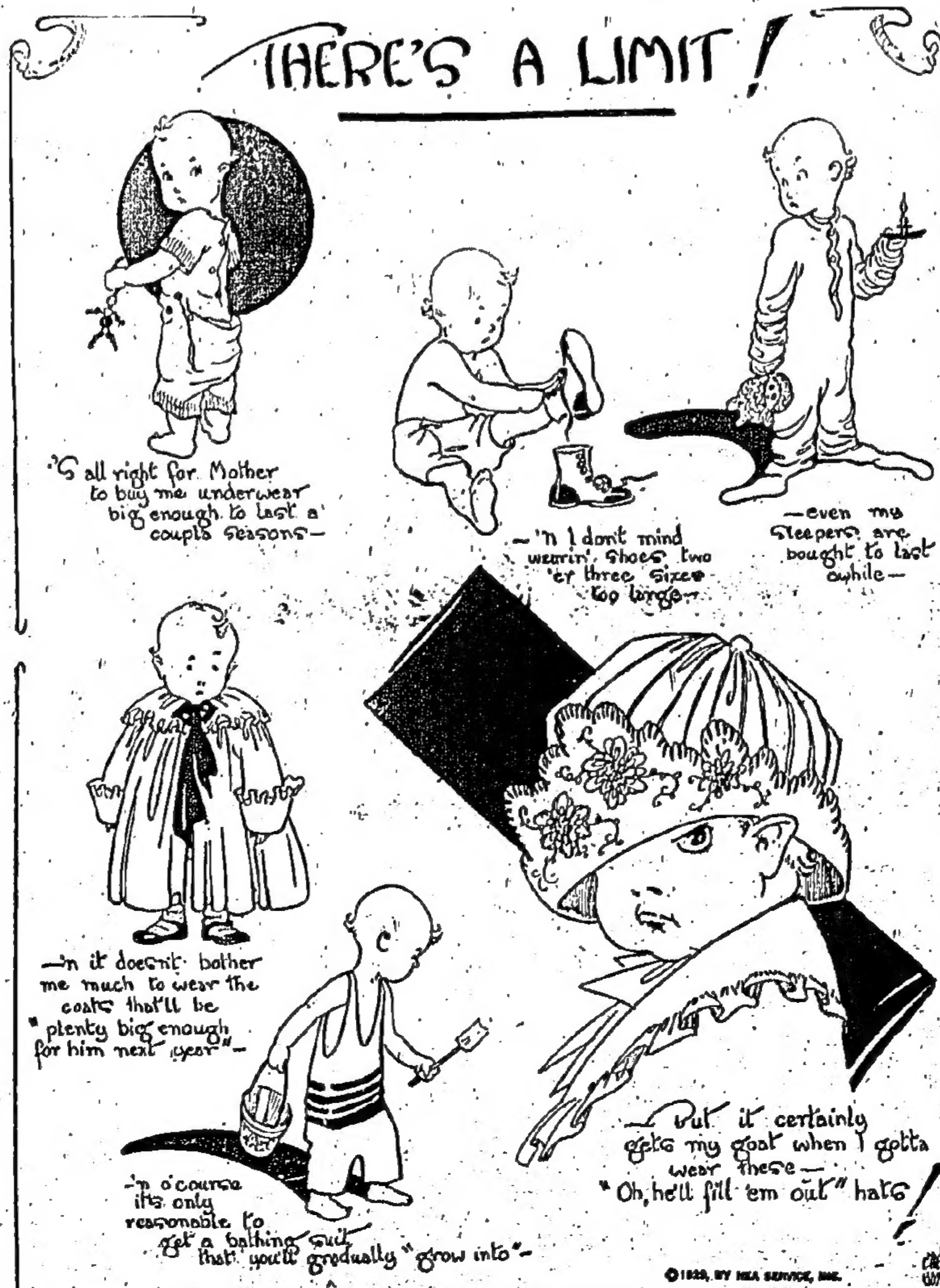
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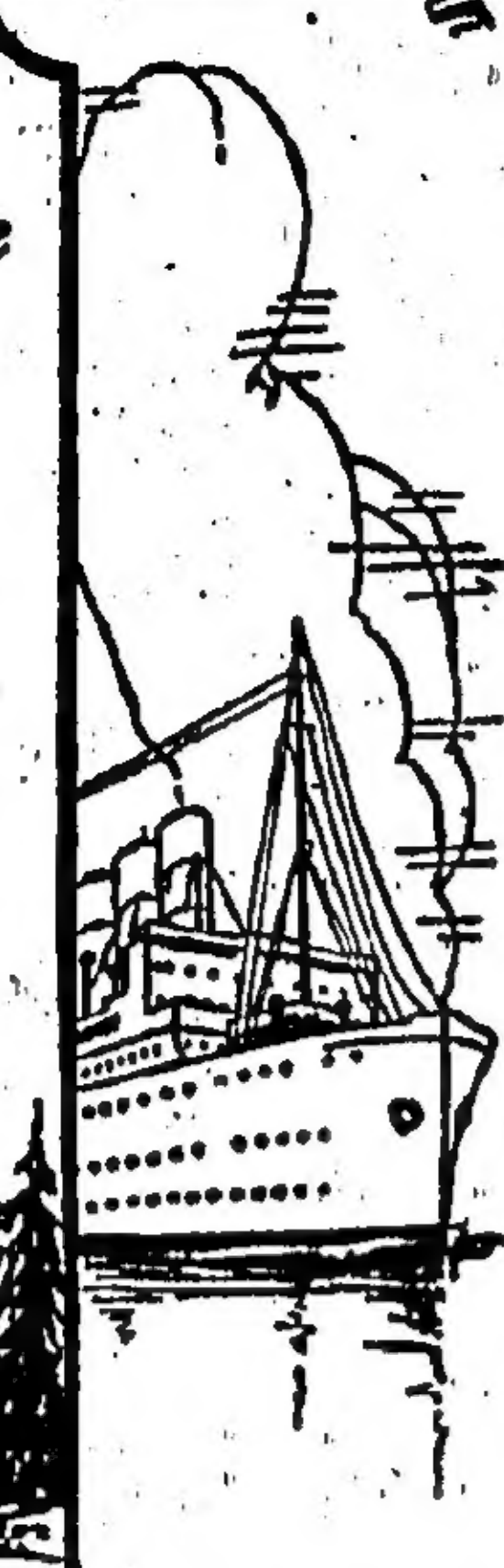
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V.R.C. NEEDS. INCREASE IN FEES PUT FORWARD.

That the Victoria Recreation Club is in a bad way financially, the furniture is rotten, the comfort of the members is not looked after, and the Committee cannot help it as the Club has no funds, while the steward, secretary, and all the officials have done their best but cannot do much without monetary support—was the gist of the Chairman's remarks at the meeting of the Club last night.

"Something must be done" said the Chairman, "and that is why I intend to propose the resolution which will be put to the meeting to-night."

Mr. W. Logan presided at the meeting, as a member of the Committee, in the absence of the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., who had written stating that it was impossible for him to attend owing to prior engagements.

When the meeting opened Mr. Logan asked the members to stand in silence for a few seconds in memory of their late Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. C. Withell, who died last year, and whose efforts on behalf of the Club had earned for him the gratitude of all.

The Chairman remarked that the Club buildings, according to the annual report, were in a fair state of repair, and were, as far as could be ascertained, free from white ants and dry rot; but they were in need of a great deal of paint, and so forth. The swimming bath was in good repair and the motor pump had apparently given no trouble since it was overhauled by the Dock Company. The Dock overhauled the plant last August.

The swimming during the year was distinctly above the average, and incomparably better than that displayed by any other Club or organization in the Colony. Four local records were tied or broken.

Not in Debt.

Mr. Logan next stated, "Although the Club is in a very bad way financially we are not in debt. As a matter of fact we have in the circumstances, carried on very successfully. There are several Clubs in Hongkong which are not nearly so successful. They are in debt and we are not. But apart from that we are in a different position. There is much to be done with our premises. The loss on our year's working is practically nothing, but we have to consider the future. We are fortunate that we have not lost money. But apart from all that we want to show a profit—a working profit."

The adoption of the report and accounts was seconded by Mr. P. W. Ramsay and carried.

Proposed New Rules.

There was some discussion regarding the proposed new rules. The first proposal was that the monthly subscription be \$3 instead of \$2 for visitors; the next that the subscription for residents should be \$3 per month instead of \$20 per annum, payable in advance; and another that members if they have not paid their subscriptions for the previous month should be posted on the notice board. Hitherto it had been the custom only to post such members prior to the annual general meeting.

A change in Rule 19 was also proposed that a member be responsible for his subscription only up to the end of the month in which he resigns.

It was ultimately decided that the proposals should be put into operation for one year.

A member suggested the popularizing of the Club, by having "lady members, holding fetes etc. The Chairman pointed out the absence of funds and lack of a proper ballroom.

It was remarked that fetes did not pay. A fete in the ordinary course of events cost the Club \$200.

Mr. Cooke asserted, "The Club fees have not been increased since 1913. It is the cheapest Club for what you get—in Hongkong. Where can you get another Club like this?"

LOCAL RADIO. TO-DAY'S BROADCAST PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres.

1.48 p.m. Weather Report.
5.30-6.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese Music, (Beka Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Canton Trading Association, Ltd.).
7.45 p.m. Evening Weather Report.
8 p.m. Evening Programme of Chinese Music, relayed from the Roof Garden of Messrs. The Sincere Co., Ltd.
10.30 p.m. Close Down.

Voting for officers then took place, the following being appointed for the ensuing year—Chairman, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern; Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. J. Stewart; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. Hyndman; Committee, Messrs. W. Logan, A. F. Silva Netto, J. A. R. Soares, A. A. Alves, J. J. Edgar, S. A. Marcel, J. R. Johnstone, F. W. T. Ross and E. E. Wilson.

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2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

DETECTIVE STABBED.

PEDESTRIAN WOUNDED BY ARMED MAN.

Sentences of four months' hard labour on each charge were imposed by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a Chinese who was alleged to have stabbed a Chinese detective in the lip and to have resisted arrest when a pedestrian went to the officer's assistance.

It was alleged in evidence that the detective who was on duty in Canton Road on May 2 met three men whom he desired to search. The men resisted and the defendant, using a knife or dagger stabbed the officer in the lip. He was chased and a pedestrian took up the pursuit but the latter was stabbed in the arm in endeavouring to apprehend the defendant. No weapon, however, could be found.

According to the defendant he was not aware that the first complainant was a detective. He denied that he used a dagger but stated that he was attacked and he used a bunch of keys to resist his assailant.

After hearing the evidence his Worship sentenced the defendant to eight months' hard labour.

INTERPORT TENNIS.

KHOO AND ONG IN ACTION AT C.R.C.

If the large crowd of tennis enthusiasts who turned up at the Chinese Recreation Club ground yesterday afternoon to witness the unofficial Chinese Interport tennis matches expected to see exceptionally good tennis, they were doomed to disappointment. If M. W. Lo had been opposed to Khoo Hoo-hye and Ng Sze-kwong to Ong Ee-kong, instead of the first playing the last named, the spectators would have received more value for their money.

The reason for the tennis not being up to championship standard was that both of yesterday's matches were one-sided affairs. Lo showed his superiority over Ong in no uncertain manner, winning in straight sets, while Khoo did likewise against Ng Sze-kwong.

A great deal has been heard of these two Straits players, but only Khoo justified his reputation, Ong being disappointing. Khoo has represented China in the Far Eastern games, and is certainly one of the best Chinese tennis players at present. He played like a champion yesterday, the feature of his match against Ng Sze-kwong being his terrific forehand drives, which almost every time beat his opponent, who was rather slow on the move.

M. W. Lo v Ong Ee-kong.

The first game yesterday was between M. W. Lo, the local champion, and Ong Ee-kong, the former winning by 6-1 and 6-2. Ong's service was inconsistent. Besides serving several double faults, his service was extremely weak and he appeared to have very little control over it, at times hitting the ball out of the court.

Lo was steady and at times brilliant. He was content to let his opponent make all the mistakes, which he used to his advantage. He was on the aggressive throughout, but was very erratic; indeed, the whole match was characterised by hard hitting on his part. Lo was evidently the more experienced of the two, but Ong made up to some extent by his activity.

Straits Champion.

Khoo's magnificent forehand drives delighted the spectators in his match with Ng Sze-kwong, the visitor winning by 6-0 and 6-3. Ng Sze-kwong was dead out of form in the first set. Khoo's consistency bringing the score to 6-0. Ng Sze-kwong showed glimpses of his old form in the second set, however, and started off well by winning the first two games. All anticipated a close struggle, but Khoo won the next three straight off the reel. By some brilliant play, Ng won the next to bring the score to 3-4 in favour of Khoo, who annexed the next games and the set and match.

In view of Khoo's performance yesterday, tennis enthusiasts should be eager to see how he fares against M. W. Lo to-morrow. He is an exceptionally fine tennis player, and the match should produce a keen struggle.

Ong and Khoo will again be seen in action at the C.R.C. ground this afternoon, when they will be partners in a doubles match against Ng Sze-kwong and M. W. Lo. Play is scheduled to commence at 4.30 p.m.

London, May 22.
Cragadour's trainer states that the horse had a strong gallop this morning, the work being in every way satisfactory, and the horse now being quite all right.—Reuter.

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1929, will be subject to rent.All broken, chafed and damaged
packages are to be left in the godowns,
where they will be examined on the
27th May, 1929, at 10 a.m. by Messrs.
Goddard & Douglas, Hongkong.Claims against the steamer must be
presented in writing within ten days
after arrival of steamer, otherwise
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Kowloon, whence delivery can be
obtained as the goods are landed.Goods not cleared within 7 days
including date of arrival, will be
subject to rent. All claims must be
sent to the undersigned before the
Thursday the 30th May, 1929, or they
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the Godowns for examination by the
consignees, and the Company's Survey-
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ASSAULT ON SHIP.

SEQUEL TO PILGRIMAGE TO
SACRED SHRINE.When the Charles Hardouin left
here on May 2, it had on board over
a thousand Chinese passengers who
were engaged on a holy pilgrimage
to a sacred shrine, at Chekwai, in
Chinese territory.On arrival at Chekwai a com-
motion occurred in the third-class
compartment, where a passenger was
assaulted by a number of men with
choppers and other weapons, and re-
ceived injuries which have since been
certified as being of a "grave nature."The origin of the assault was inves-
tigated before Major G. Wilson yes-
terday afternoon, when Chan Ng,
described as being a caterer on the
Charles Hardouin, was summoned for
assault and for demanding money
with menace, the complainant being
Lee Po-hang, an assistant-manager
of the Mau Lee Winshop, No. 8,
Tung Street.Mr. D. H. Blake appeared for the
complainant, and the defendant was
represented by Mr. M. K. Lo.The case for the prosecution, as out-
lined by Mr. Blake, and substantiated
by his client, was to the effect that
Chan Ng came down to where Lee
Po-hang was lying, and demanded \$25
from him, saying "I don't have to die
if I have to kill you, and you will
know the force of my fist." With
that he punched Lee in the left eye.
Lee thereupon raised the required
sum by a loan from Young a member
of the compradore staff, and handed
it to Chan, who was apparently not
satisfied. A little later, Chan return-
ed, with a following of between ten
and twenty men, and renewed his
demands. Said Chan: "This matter
is not settled with a mere \$25. You
will have to pay compensation to the
extent of \$300 more."Lee protested against the demand
as being unreasonable and without
justification, at which he was assailed
by the men, who had armed them-
selves with choppers, armed water
bottles, knives, and fire shovels. He
was wounded in the knee. Chan with
the other men then left after repeat-
ing the threat.

More Threats.

Again, half-an-hour later, they re-
turned and threatened to renew the
assault. "I certainly do value my
life, but I have got no money," Lee
appealed, and covered himself with a
blanket. However, it was suggested
that the money be raised from the
same person who had accommodated
him with the first loan. To this he
consented, and in the end paid \$100
to Chan.Questioned by his solicitor, Lee
said that he only knew Chan by
sight, and never had any dealings
with him.Mr. Lo, cross-examining, suggested
that the two men had known each
other for over ten years, that Chan
had recently relieved Lee of his position
as a caterer on the boat, and that
the present quarrel resulted
from a gambling affair in which Lee
was accused of swindling Chan.Witness categorically returned a
denial to all these questions. He fur-
ther stated that he did not know of
the existence of such an official as
a Captain on the boat to whom he
could have appealed on occasions of
such emergency as these. As to re-
porting the matter to the police in
Hongkong, witness also said he was
not well versed with the local regu-
lations.Asked why he did not call upon
certain relatives who were with him
to assist him in the quarrel, witness
said it would be futile for them to
do so. They certainly would get a
thrashing from superior numbers.Mr. Blake said it was true that one
of the relatives was present, but he
was underneath the bunk the whole
time and only poked his nose out.
(Laughter).The case was adjourned until next
Tuesday.

SERVANTS DISPUTE.

TELEPHONE OPERATOR WAY-
LAID AND BEATEN.A dispute between a telephone
operator employed at the Kings-
clere Hotel and several other men
was described to Mr. T. S. Whyte
Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy
yesterday afternoon when a house
coolie and a house boy were
charged before his Worship with
assaulting the telephone operator.Detective Inspector Fallon, who
proceeded, said that at about 11
p.m. on April 24, the complainant
was on his way to his residence at
No. 46, Shanghai Street from night
school in Haiphong Road. On
reaching the junction of Austin
Road and Pilem Street, he was at-
tacked by five or six men. He
shouted out "Save life."Two Indian constables who were
on duty in the vicinity saw the
struggle and thought that a high-
way robbery was being committed.
When they came upon the scene the
complainant was on the ground.
As soon as they approached the
party the assailants ran away.One of the men ran along Pilem
Street and then to Cox's Path where
he was arrested by one of the
Indians, while another of the men
attempted to escape along Austin
Road. He was chased by the second
constable who shouted to him to
stop. Whistles were blown and on
the fugitive refusing to stop, the
Indian, on reaching Nathan Road,
fired one shot but without effect.He again called upon the man to
stop but found it necessary to fire
again. In all he fired four shots
and eventually arrested the fugitive
hiding behind some palms in the
late Sir Paul Chater's bungalow.The whole trouble, continued
Detective Inspector Fallon, was
supposed to have arisen from the
complainant assaulting a small boy
at the night school some time pre-
vious to the day in question.The defendants, in their state-
ments completely denied the allega-
tions of assault.In reply to his Worship, Detective
Inspector Fallon said that the
complainant was not hurt and that
no weapons were alleged to have
been used.His Worship: It seems rather a
trivial affair?Detective Inspector Fallon: Yes.
It got a serious aspect as the
results of the shooting afterwards?—Yes, the defendant is very lucky
to be alive.It was very foolish of him—
That's what I thought.It looks to me as a case for bind-
ing over—Yes, Your Worship.
His Worship decided to hear the
evidence of the complainant and
then all parties were ordered to
sign a bond in the sum of \$50
each to be of good behaviour.

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MR. VAN LEAR BLACK COMING
TO FAR EAST.London, May 22.
The American millionaire, Mr.
Van Lear Black, leaves Croydon on
a flight to Tokyo on May 31, via
India and Bangkok, returning via
Russia.The aeroplane, which was used
in Mr. Black's recent trip to the
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its accident in the south of
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DR. SUN YAT-SEN.

REMAINS PLACED IN A
NEW COFFIN.

Peking, May 22.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen to-day was
placed in funeral clothes and in
a coffin, ready for the journey to
the mausoleum.Madame Sun, accompanied by
Mr. Sun Fo, the Soong brothers,
and a doctor from the Peking
Union Medical College, superin-
tended the operation. The doctor
opened the lacquered wood coffin,
in which Dr. Sun had been some
time, and re-embalmed the body,
after which it was dressed in a
blue satin long gown, black silk
jacket, white silk stockings and
gloves and black satin boots, then
placed in a new bronze coffin.Those present afterwards held
a family memorial service, at
which Madame Sun was greatly
affected and broke down.—*Reuter*.

LAHORE MURDER.

MOSLEM SENTENCED TO
DEATH FOR APRIL CRIME.

(Lahore, May 22.)

A Moslem named Ilam Din has
been sentenced to death for the
murder of Raj Pal, author of an
anti-Moslem pamphlet.—*Reuter*.[It was reported from Lahore
on April 6 that Raj Pal, the author
of the pamphlet "Rangila Rasul,
the Merry Prophet," which caused
a sensation on the occasion of its
publication two years ago, was
stabbed in the heart while lying
in a shop in the Amakali Bazaar.
A Moslem was arrested. The
pamphlet was the subject of a long
hawsut in 1927 and resulted in a
judgment in favour of the author.]LETTER GOLF
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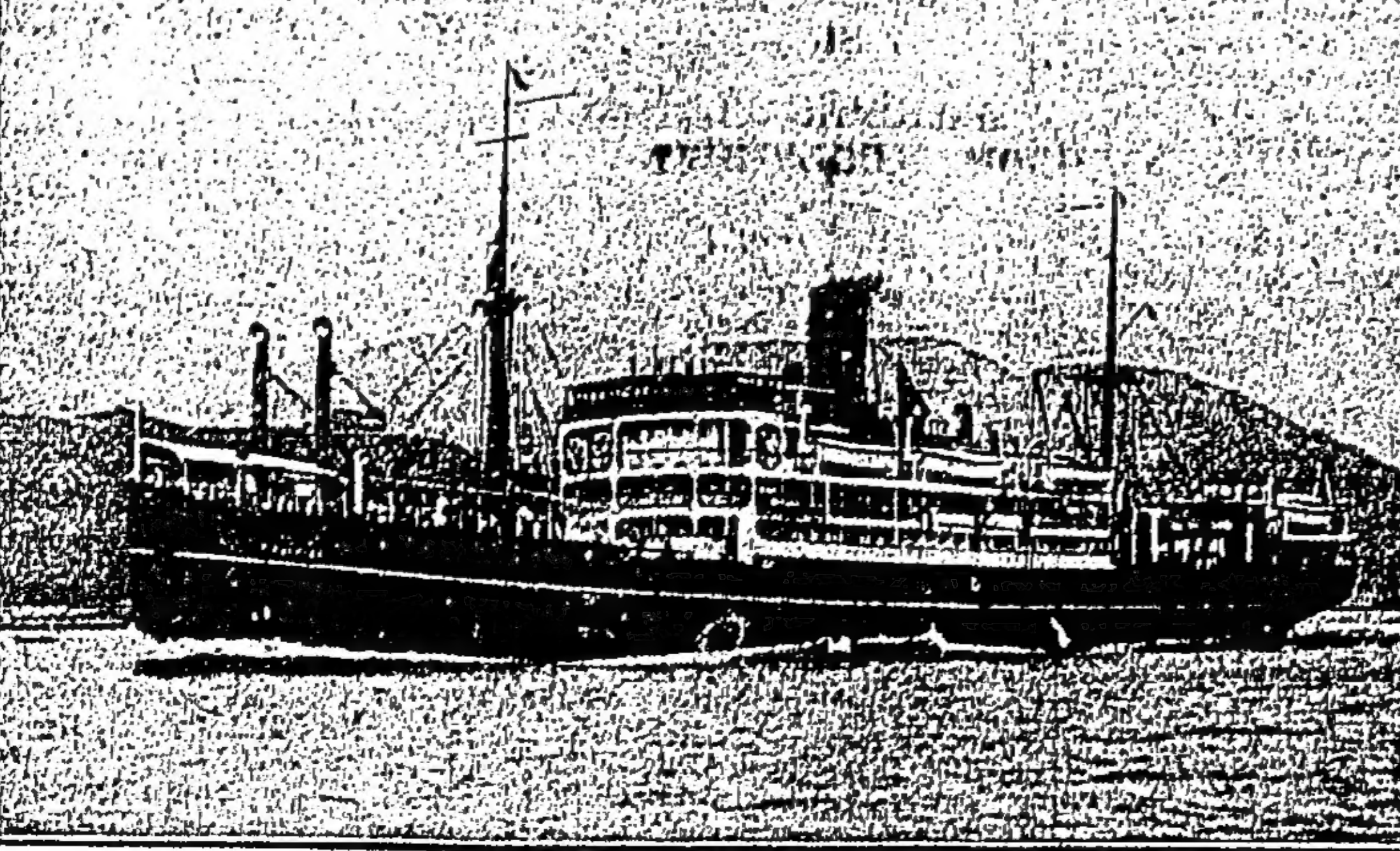
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SANTHIA	7,754	5th June.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KASHGAR	9,005	7th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TILSONG COURT	—	10th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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U.S. SOUTH CHINA PATROL.

THE MINDANAO ARRIVES AT CANTON.

Canton, May 22.

The U.S.S. Mindanao arrived in port last night from the North via Hongkong.

The Mindanao is one of the recent gunboats built for the American Navy in Shanghai. Three have been built for the Yangtze and two for the south China Patrol. The Guam has already been here several months, having replaced the Pampanga last autumn.

The Mindanao is very similar to the Guam in design, though considerably bigger. She will probably be the flag ship of the South China Patrol. As a matter of fact, Captain Decker who has been in command of the Tulsa, was to have handed over to Captain Logan of the Mindanao some days ago.

The Tulsa was supposed to be going to Manila to pay off, but owing to political unrest in the province, she is remaining in South China until things are a little more settled. At the moment she is at Swatow.

—Our Own Correspondent.

LATEST ELECTION CONTROVERSY.

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Mr. Philip Snowden, speaking at Morley, said he would like to remind Sir Herbert Austin of the existence of the Emergency Powers Act, which empowers the Government to deal drastically with anybody conspiring to interfere with trade.

The Conservative papers have taken up Mr. Dennison's reply to Sir Herbert Austin and elect to see in his statement a new menace of nationalisation.

Sir Herbert Austin, interviewed last night, declared, "Of course we would not close without a struggle but if and when we shut down it will be because our business is ruined. It is too nonsensical for the Labour candidate to ask electors to believe that his party propose going round the country buying up ruined motor-car businesses."

London, May 23.

Sir Herbert Austin, shown a report of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's speech, remarked:—"I seem to be causing Mr. MacDonald a lot of worry. I shall certainly reply when I have carefully studied the nature of his allegations."

Reuter.

Liberal Hopes.

The most interesting Liberal speech to-day was made by Viscount Grey at Alhwick. He said he was convinced that the Liberal vote would be vastly increased, adding that even 200 Liberal M.P.s would be enough to save the country from the twin evils of Conservative Protection and Socialist reckless expenditure.

Reuter.

BANVARD COMEDY COMPANY.

SUCCESS OF "THE BEST PEOPLE."

The Banvard Comedy Company opened their season at the Theatre Royal last night with "The Best People," a comedy which was splendidly acted.

Briefly, the play was one centering round the love affairs of the two children of an aspiring mother, who, instead of taking to the "best people," display (in her estimation) a perverted taste by the one forming an attachment with a chorus girl and the other with a honest-to-goodness chauffeur.

The play is one offering possibilities of considerable humour, and this has been fully developed by the author. As the result, the production, which had an uninterrupted run of 100 nights at the Lyric Theatre has been warmly received wherever staged, and last night's performance was no exception.

The play was well-acted and thoroughly enjoyed. To-night, the Company offer "The Ringer."

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following is the disposition of warships now in port: Basin—H.M.S. Tamar.

S.W. Basin—Submarine L.L. W. W. Dock—H.M.S. Cornwall.

In dock—H.M. ships Bruce, Somme and Sirdar.

No. 8 Buoy—H.M.S. Carysfort.

Foreign—Chinese cruisers Ying Swee, Kwang Yuan, Chu Tai and Hai Hu.

LATEST PLAN ON REPARATIONS.

NEW MEMORANDUM TO GERMANY.

LIKELY OPPOSITION TO THE CREDITORS' PROPOSALS.

STIFF FIGHT AHEAD.

London, May 22.

According to Press telegrams from Paris, the Allied Delegation met this morning and at noon presented a Memorandum to the German Delegation indicating conditions of payment of the average annuity offered by Germany of Mk. 2,050,000,000, plus Mk. 25,000,000 asked by Belgium as reimbursement for marks left in Belgium.

It is explained that it is understood that the twenty-two last years of the German annuities will cover the inter-Allied debts, and, secondly, will make an immediate contribution to the International Bank.

Payments in Kind.

The Memorandum also mentions how the benefits of the International Bank should be divided, and the conditions under which payment in kind should be made in future.

According to the present plan, Germany will only have to pay this year Mk. 1,750,000,000.

In regard to conditions of payments in kind to the International Bank, a scale of new payments is included, which is slightly different from that proposed by Germany, although the average of Mk. 2,050,000,000 is preserved.

British Wireless.

Follows Mr. Young's Plan.

A Reuter's Paris message to hand this morning on the same subject states that the creditor nations have presented a Memorandum to the German Delegation agreeing that Germany should pay an average annuity of Mk. 2,050,000,000, plus reimbursement to Belgium for marks issued during the German occupation.

This is virtually identical with Mr. Owen D. Young's plan, but there is no mention as to how the payments are to be distributed.

It will be recalled that Mr. Young's plan would make Britain the financial victim of the scheme, as it involved a revision of the percentages of the payments to each creditor as fixed at the Spa Conference, it being suggested that Britain's share (23 per cent. with the Dominions) should be considerably decreased and the difference transferred to the other creditor countries. The British delegates, however, strongly opposed this proposal.

It is now declared to be certain that Dr. Schacht, the head of the German Delegation, will not accept the reparations creditors' suggestions, wholly.

A staff fight is ahead before a compromise on many points is likely to be reached and the creditors have completely agreed on the problem of distribution.

The Stumbling-Blocks.

Likely stumbling-blocks include German objections to:

1. The proposed special payment to Belgium;
2. The limited character of the creditors' concessions with regard to the release of the Dawes lien on railways;

3. The creditors' refusal to grant a two years' moratorium in regard to the payments.

The German Delegation has now started conversations with the Americans as intermediaries.

BOMBING PLANES TURN TIDE.

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The Canton reinforcements arrived. The Kwangsi line finally gave way and several hundred men were disarmed.

The Canton Army admits that it also suffered heavy loss of life in this battle. Vice-Brigadier General Chung Feng-wel being killed during the pursuit of the enemy forces.

Chao at Swatow.

Swatow, May 22.

Because of the retreat of the Kwangsi forces in the North River district, the situation at Swatow is again becoming critical. The city has been plunged into a state of chaos and troops of General Hsu Ching-tong, under the command of Li Wa-chi, brigade commander, are withdrawing from Swatow, moving northward to reinforce Kwangsi.

The Chaochow-Swatow Railroad is being used by the local authorities for the transportation of these troops, thus suspending ordinary traffic on the line.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

HAGEN WANTS A REST FROM GOLF.

CRIES OFF CHALLENGE WITH COMPTON.

Paris, May 22.

Walter Hagen, who competed in the St. Cloud tournament, stated he will be unable to fulfil his engagement to meet Archie Compston at Moor Park on May 31 and Birmingham on June 1. He said, "I am very tired. I require a rest."

Hagen added, "I have had a strenuous time, and could not do justice to myself or the public by going on with the matches against Compston. I regret it very much, but what more can I do? I shall go to Germany, afterwards to the south of France, before returning to America in about a week's time."

Robert Harlow, Hagen's manager, stated he was quite willing to provide as substitute Joe Turnesa, the winner of the Thousand Guinea tournament last week.—Reuter.

FENG'S MANIFESTO TO POWERS.

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seems to be definitely to the contrary.

Nanking Preparations.

Meanwhile the Nanking forces are organising at Hsuehowfu to the south of the Grand Canal, in readiness for an offensive against Honan when the punitive mandate is issued.

Large numbers of armoured motor-cars are a feature of the Nanking equipment. General Feng Chen-wu, who commands these forces is expected shortly.

During his stay in Hankow, General Ho Yin-ching said the defeat of the Kwangsi armies in Kwangtung would prove a severe blow to Feng Yu-hsiang as he hoped the trouble in the South would cause a diversion.

Feng to Attack Hupeh?

He expects Feng to launch his first attack against Hupeh, though there are 60,000 Nanking troops in Hankow ready for such an emergency.

Marshal Yen Hsi-shan has returned to Taiyuen, having apparently given up his intention of visiting Nanking. There is no sign of military activity in Shansi.

A Peking Raid.

Peking, May 22.

Tang Song-chi has gone to Nanking in response to a summons from Chiang Kai-shek.

The local military authorities yesterday raided the Peking Municipal offices and arrested five Kuomintang officials, and seized radio equipment with which it is suspected they were communicating with Feng Yu-hsiang.

Yesterday evening a telegram was received from Nanking dismissing Ho Chi-kung, who is still taking refuge in the Legation quarter, from the post of Mayor.—Reuter.

An Anti-Feng Manifesto.

Nanking, May 22.

Tan Yen-kai, Hu Han-min, Wang Chung-hui, Tai Chi-tao and Chen Kuo-fu have issued a joint manifesto condemning Feng Yu-hsiang's subordinates for "issuing impudent circular telegrams and uttering alarming words, like lunatics," concluding, "We hereby solemnly pledge ourselves that we will follow the leadership of Chiang Kai-shek to attain the wishes of the late party leader in uprooting and exterminating all malefactors in the party and Government, and in enforcing discipline."

Reuter.

TWO CHINESE WILLS.

PULLEY-MAKER LEAVES OVER \$24,000.

Liu Lung-on, who died on November 1, 1928, at Chung Tong village, Tof Shan district, Kwangtung, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$17,500. Letters of administration have been granted to Lai Sz-wah, the only son, living at No. 82, Wing Lok Street.

Local estate valued at \$24,000 was left by Shiu To-kee, alias To or (Tor) Kee alias Shiu (or Chew, or Chiu) Kam-pa (or For) pulley-maker, late of No. 33, Tung Man Street, Hongkong, who died on October 11, 1928 at Sham Shan village, Nam Hol district, Kwangtung.

Probate has been granted to testator's first and third concubines, Fan Shi and Tong Shi, both living at the Tung Man Street address. They are appointed guardians of testator's three sons until they reach their majority, among whom the estate will be divided.

Headmaster of Christ's College, Finchley, for 34 years, Mr. J. T. Phillipson, 63 has died at Finchley.

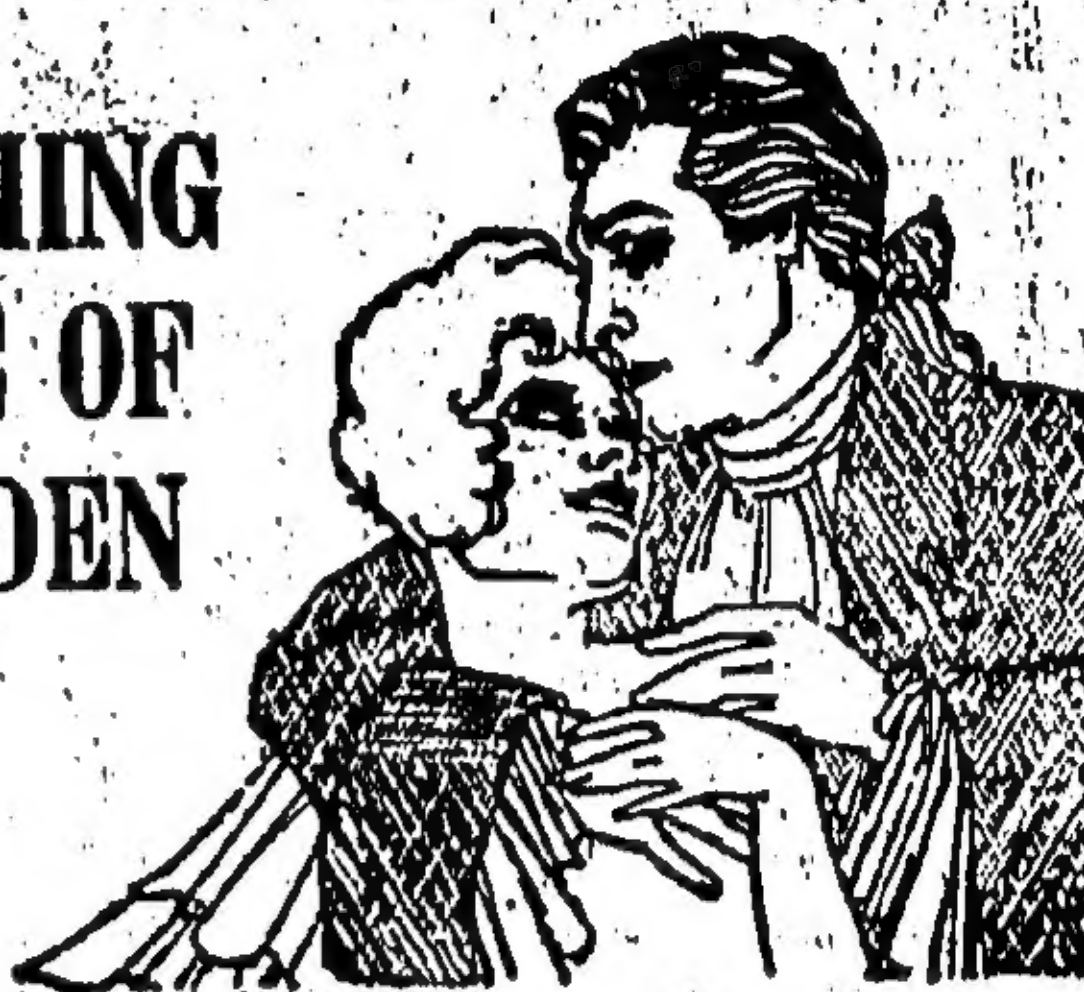
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